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CHINESE ATTACK ON LONG FRONT

HEAVY BLOWS CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND

Pinglu Among Many Important Towns Now Recaptured

STRONG FORCE ACROSS YELLOW RIVER AGAIN

Shanghai, Mar. 28.

It is admitted that numerous Chinese detachments have re-crossed the Yellow River north of the Kaifeng and Menghsien vicinities.

Very heavy fighting is going on at Linyi where Chinese and Japanese artillery are engaging in a duel across the Yi River.

Japanese reports admit that tens of thousands of Chinese troops are blocking the Japanese advance. The reports state that "rivers of blood are washing the borders of the Shansi and Shantung provinces."

Chinese reports claim the re-occupation of a dozen towns.

The counter-offensive is the greatest yet made by the Chinese. It extends from eastern Shantung to north-west Shansi, and both regular troops and guerrillas are taking part in it. Fighting is also going on in the southern part of the Tientsin-Pukow railway front and at Lake Tai, and casualties everywhere are reported to be very heavy.

Over 80 Japanese planes bombed Hankow and Wuchang aerodromes yesterday, this being the biggest raid yet staged in Central China.—United Press.

Japanese Admit Troubles

Peiping, Mar. 28.
Several thousands of Chinese troops have managed to break through the Japanese lines in North Honan to-day, causing the Japanese some trouble.

The Japanese claim to have repulsed one body of 3,000 men at Menghsien north of Loyang, and to have fought other engagements with small groups of Chinese elsewhere.—Reuter.

Successes In South Shansi

Chengchow, Mar. 28.
Smashing through the Japanese lines, Chinese troops operating north of the Yellow River have again recaptured Pinglu, strategic city in south Shansi, bordering the Great Divide.

The Japanese garrison of the city, scattered in disorder, has retreated toward Yuncheng and Anyi, further north.

The recapture by Chinese troops of Fengchi, important town on the north bank of the Yellow River in north Honan, was confirmed in despatches received here to-day.

The Chinese troops, assisted by a squadron of bombing planes, entered the city at seven o'clock in the morning of March 27, the Japanese forces having been withdrawn on the previous evening.

The Japanese suffered heavy casualties during the severe air bombardment by the Chinese air force.

In south-east Shansi, the Chinese troops have recaptured Yungcheng and are rapidly advancing toward Taihsien, 25 kilometres to the east, where the Japanese are entrenched inside the city walls after having suffered a serious setback at the hands of the Chinese, during which 400 of them were killed.—Central News.

Chinese Gain Ascendancy

Hinchow, March 28.
Following along the north section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, Chinese troops have gained ascendancy in favour of the Chinese.

Armed Strikers Threaten British Interests

PART OF WAR'S "GLAMOUR"



Long after the "Banzais" that cheered them on to victory as they left Tokyo have died away, here is a phase of war that takes away the glamour. Marching through snow and mud these Japanese soldiers are moving up to the front, through a hamlet in central China. They are now largely on the defensive.

U.S. Government Strikes Back At Mexico

Washington, Mar. 27.
Arising out of the dispute over the expropriation of foreign oil companies' holdings in Mexico, it is authoritatively stated that the United States Government has abrogated, as from April 1, the agreement for the purchase of Mexican silver, which has been regarded as a major factor in stabilising the Mexican currency system.—Reuter.

No Decision Yet

Washington, Mar. 27.
A Treasury Department spokesman issued a statement to-day that no decision had been reached with regard to the purchase of Mexican silver. The spokesman added that a decision would not be taken until after April 1, when the United States commitments to buy Mexican silver during March expired.—Reuter.

Noted Greek Statesman Passes Away

Leader of Conservative Democratic Party

Athens, Mar. 27.
The death is reported, from heart failure, of Dr. Andrew Michalakopoulos, former Premier of Greece, and leader of the Greek Conservative Democratic Party. He was 63 years of age.—Reuter.

Dr. Michalakopoulos, LL.D., lawyer and politician, was educated at Athens University. He became a barrister-at-law and had been a Deputy for Patras since 1910. From 1918 to 1927 he was Minister of National Economy. In 1927 he was appointed Minister of War, and a year later, became Minister of Agriculture. From 1919 to 1920 he was Minister of State.

In 1924 he became Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and two years later was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs. He served in M. Venizelos' Cabinets from August, 1928 to May, 1932, from June to November in 1932, and from January to March in 1933.

He became a Senator in 1933, and was President of the Foreign Secretariat Committee and vice-President of the Cabinet.

ALL BORROWERS' DEMANDS MET

London, Mar. 27.
The money market, despite a drop amounting to about £10,000,000 in bankers' deposits, as revealed in this week's Bank of England return of loans, continued to fully and amply meet all the needs of borrowers.

Discount bankers received the result of Friday's Treasury Bill allotment with mixed feelings, as, while the average rate declined by under a halfpenny, the 7 per cent. Treasury bill increased slightly to 85 per cent.—Reuter.

LOYALIST DEFENCES CRUMBLING AGAINST FRANCO'S PRESSURE

Saragossa, Mar. 27.

General Franco's army which is now in motion along the whole line from north of Huesca to the north corner of the province of Castellon, is advancing at a fantastic speed, and is now within sight of the borders of Valencia and Catalonia, gravely threatening to cut off Barcelona from the rest of Spain.

The Insurgent forces which crossed the Ebro River last Wednesday, advanced north and drove the Loyalists out of the so-called Lenin Line at the point of the bayonet, and contacted Sarenina with the Insurgent troops from Huesca.

Many Loyalists are said to be entrapped in a pocket near Saragossa, and thousands of prisoners as well as enormous quantities of material have been captured.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LEGION REDUCED

Rome, Mar. 27.
A communiqué published in Informations Diplomatiques with regard to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech, says that responsible Italian circles are inclined to share Mr. Chamberlain's optimism in connection with Anglo-Italian negotiations.

The communiqué adds that Italy will keep her pledge to withdraw Italian legionnaires from Spain when the French and Russians are prepared to do so in such, and to apply properly the whole of the British non-intervention plan. On the other hand, since no reinforcements have been sent for many months, the forces of the Italian legionnaires in Spain are much reduced.

The communiqué concludes by stating that responsible Italian circles are following with very close attention the campaign of the French Left for intervention in Spain which would have, unfortunately, and certainly grave repercussions and might compromise the peace of Europe.—Reuter.

Faster Service Inaugurated By Air France

Paris, Mar. 27.
The first machine of the new Air France fleet was used on the Paris-London service to-day and made a record flight from Croydon to Paris in 57 minutes.

The machine left Croydon at 9.32 a.m. and landed at Le Bourget at 10.29 a.m., covering 202 miles at an average speed of 213 miles an hour.—Reuter.

AMBASSADOR DUE HERE ON FRIDAY

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, is expected to arrive in Hongkong by the P. & O. liner Naldora on Friday.

It is believed that the Ambassador, who has been in Shanghai for the past month, will fly from Hongkong to Chungking in order to present his credentials to the Chinese Government. He is expected to leave almost immediately after his arrival here.

Whilst in Hongkong the Ambassador will confer with the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Webb.

TENSE SITUATION AT KAILAN COMPANY'S TONGSHAN HOLDINGS

Agitators Reported Active Among Chinese Miners

Peiping, Mar. 28.

There is a tense situation in the Tongshan area where the Sino-British Kailan Company's coal mines are situated.

Three thousand Chinese miners have struck work, allegedly instigated by agitators, and the strikers are now found to be armed.

There is a possibility of a serious clash between the armed strikers and Kailan police.

The Kailan officials are consulting with British officials at Tientsin.—Reuter.

French Army Plane Crashes Off Sardinia

Rome, Mar. 27.

It is officially announced that a multi-engined French plane, flying over the coast of Sardinia on the night of March 26, descended in flames and all the crew perished.

An inquiry is being made to discover why the plane was flying over Italian territory at night.

It is learned from well-informed circles that the plane was a military one, with a crew of four.—Reuter.

British Keep Firm Grip In Palestine

Outlaws Punished; But Murders Continue

Jerusalem, March 27.

A collective fine of £500 has been imposed on the village of Khanyunis, near the railway line in south Palestine, where a military patrol lorry was wrecked by the explosion of a land mine last Thursday.

One British soldier was killed, and another seriously injured by the accident.

A punitive police post has been established in the village.

Isolated outrages and the murder of Jews and Arabs continue.—Reuter.

China Thanks London's Lord Mayor

Hankow, Mar. 28.

The Chinese Peoples Foreign Relations Association has drawn up a lengthy letter for despatch to London for the Lord Mayor, thanking him for his appeal for the relief of refugees in China, and expressing the deep gratitude of the Chinese for the generous donations given in response to the Lord Mayor's appeal.—Reuter.

The Hongkong offices of the Kailan Mining Administration could provide no further details in connection with the strike. They were aware that there was some trouble with the workers, but had not been informed of this latest development, the discovery that the miners are armed and adopting a threatening attitude.

In case aid is needed there are British troops at Chingwantao and British warships, the Capetown and Lowestoft, at Weihaiwei. There is a British Consulate at Tientsin, which is about 70 miles from the mines.

The mining territory is part of that which has been under the authority of the Chinese-Hongkong autonomous administration from 1931 until about six months ago when the Japanese took control.

The K.M.A. Hongkong agent stated recently that relations between the two authorities and the Sino-British mine had always been most amicable.

STOP PRESS

WOUNDED MAN TRIED TO WALK TO CANTON FROM HONGKONG

Bedraggled, wounded, and in a state of collapse, a Chinese soldier was picked up on the Taiipo Road yesterday by a European motorist. The soldier, who gave his name as Chau Kwang, was a private of the 15th Battalion of the Chinese Army, which has been engaged in heavy fighting recently.

He was wounded in battle and it is believed, came to Hongkong by junk. Despite his condition the man attempted to walk from Kowloon to Canton, where his family resides.

He collapsed on the roadway after walking to Taiipo. The motorist brought him back to Kowloon, where he is now in the Government hospital.

STRIKERS GO BACK TO WORK

While strong police detachments stood guard at the Chung Hwa Book Company plant from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. to-day, about 600 of the staff went back to work.

For about two weeks the men have been on a wage strike.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Fashions
from
the
FILMS

"Nan Grey"

"Barbara Reed"

"Deanna Durbin"

Three outfits for spring — Nan Grey's tailored suit, another from Barbara Reed's wardrobe, and a jaunty little bolero is Deanna's choice.



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THREE SMART GIRLS

"SWEET SIXTEEN" is going to have a good time with her new spring clothes! Maybe she is just starting in an office, and wondering whether to wear a dress and top coat or a suit with a smart little blouse. Naturally, she wants to look as nice as possible, but mother is "thumbs down" on anything too fashionable, and she's quite right! Look at these sketches of the "Three Smart Girls," stars of the silver screen. Deanna Durbin, Nan Grey and Barbara Reed. Could anything be more attractive, as well as practical, than their outfits?

On the left, is Nan Grey's selection, and she is first in the field with smaller revers on her tailored suit. Fastening with link buttons, the coat boasts three pockets.

The skirt is simple of line with just a useful inverted pleat back and front. Size 16-18 years takes 2½ yds. 54in. wool, 1½ yds. 36in. lining. The other size available will fit 18-20 years.

Velvet collar and braid trimming are Barbara Reed's choice on her tailored suit. This is a style that will suit a slim girl.

The coat has an attractive high-buttoned front, and is finished with a little purse flap pocket. Top of sleeves squared to give a smart tailored look to shoulders that are inclined to slope.

For size 16-18 you require 2½ yds. 54in. wool and 1½ yds. 36in. contrast 1½ yds. 36in. lining, 2½ yds. 4in. braid, and of course there is a pattern size for 18-20 years.

"Why always a coat and skirt?" says Deanna Durbin, "youth likes variety," and she chooses jaunty little bolero dress, pattern No. 124, with turn-down Peter Pan collar and neat cuffs.

As you may want to wear this style to the office, I must tell you that for long sleeves you will need an extra three-quarters of a yard of fabric.

With short sleeves as shown in the sketch, size 16-18 years takes 3½ yds. 54in. fabric, and 2 yds. 36in. contrast. The other size available is 18-20 years.

TEARS CAN BE BEAUTIFIERS

EVERY woman is of the opinion that there is nothing quite so disfiguring as weeping, but an American beauty specialist now comes forward with the convincing information that crying is an ideal tonic for the face!

Not only have the tears themselves excellent chemical properties which are beneficial for the skin, but the action of crying puts to work diverse muscles, giving the face an excellent massage.

Like all other beautifiers, however, you can have too much of a good thing, and the learned specialist tempers his advice by adding that this treatment should not be indulged in haphazardly, and should be followed only under the advice of a doctor!

A NEW RECIPE FOR CHESTNUT SOUFFLE

TAKE three eggs, salt, sugar and a pound of good chestnuts.

The chestnuts should be boiled until tender, drained, then allow to dry slightly on a baking sheet in a cool oven, this makes the skins easier to remove. Take off the inner skins as well. Mash, then sieve the nuts, sweeten them, and add the beaten yolks of eggs. Whip the whites stiffly, then fold these carefully into the rest.

Turn the mixture into a souffle case, and bake in a moderate oven till set. Serve with cream.

Your daughter has fallen in love...

That tom-boy age

YET side by side with this development there were times when she disturbed you with her tomboy "ragging," or teasing behaviour towards her brother's schoolboy friends who came to the house.

All this, you suggest, has nothing to do with falling in love or marriage.

Hasn't it? Love has, like the rest of an individual, to grow up and change in the growing. It takes a long time.

For happy marriage there must be two kinds of love. There must be the spiritual, or, if you like, mental, love that grows from the earliest home ties and extends with time to the outer world.

And there is the kind of physical or personality attraction that a girl feels towards the boys whom she has teased and teased hitherto because she has been really afraid of her slowly awakening femininity.

Father's jealousy

IF you have unwittingly hindered her in her development—centred your own life too much in hers, or if her father has held her affections too jealously to himself—it is more difficult for her to reach an emotional maturity, and more difficult for you to accept the situation when the date.

But if you can realise these things and have built your own lives in such a way that they will not seem empty when she has left you will be able to face the new circumstances. You will have faith to let your child find for herself if she and her future partner have made the right choice of emotionally growing up young people.

OF course you knew and, indeed, hoped that your daughter would fall in love sooner or later. But perhaps it has come "sooner," and you and her father are finding yourselves disturbed by a dozen objections and anxieties.

She is too young, or his "prospects" are not good enough, or your own health will feel an added strain if she leaves you.

Too much dependence

YOUNG people see only the possibilities of the future. Old people see—perhaps too clearly—the difficulties that only may be.

You hardly realised until now how much you had grown to weave your life round hers.

Or maybe it is her father who is feeling the situation most acutely, almost looking on the young man as an intruder.

Have a look at the whole situation quickly. It is by no means as now or as startling as it seems. It has been gradually developing ever since your daughter was a baby and met the first of all her later experiences of love and affection through her love for you.

How she has grown

YOU looked after her when she was tiny and helpless. Her own first interest when she grew past the stage of discovering her toes, her flaps, and her hair (for at first a baby understands nothing that is not a part of itself) was the mother who attended to all her needs.

There was her father, too, but she did not in early childhood realise all his responsibilities.

In the meantime there was the second stage in your daughter's development—one of contemporary friendships at school. In the early teens she reached another stage, reminding you that she was busy growing up, emotion-stances. Her father became more dominant in her life, she wanted to talk with him more, exchange ideas, go about with him perhaps.

HOME HINTS

SUET will not stick to the knife when it is chopped if a little ground rice is sprinkled over it. Add a few drops of lemon juice to rice while it is cooking. This not only whitens the rice, but separates the grains.

When eggs are scarce, taploca, soaked in water for an hour, makes a good binding for fish cakes, croquettes, and rissoles. Sausage skins can be removed quickly and cleanly if the sausages are held for a moment under the cold water tap.

Bacon will not shrink in frying if it has been first dipped in flour.

Corks can be made air and water-tight by immersing them for five minutes in oil.

To prevent fur collecting in a kettle, place a marble or a clean oyster-shell inside. The fur will collect round this instead of coating the kettle.

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CLEAN the head, rub in a little salt and brown sugar. Leave for a day and repeat. Simmer gently in a little water with onion stuck with cloves, herbs and bay leaves, until tender.

Remove meat, cut into small pieces. Add spice, pepper and salt, put into greased moulds with some of the liquid. Serve when cold.

The addition of minced steak is sometimes advisable if the head is rather fat.

This is delicious and very cheap to make.

Make-Up for THE PARTY

By FRANCES DAY

GOING to a party or a dance? Got a new frock? Well, here are a few points you should memorise.

1 Use both foundation lotion and cream if you are likely to be in hot rooms. This combination lasts much longer and holds the powder more effectively.

2 Try using two powders—the one with which you are familiar and one a little darker. They blend well in artificial light.

3 A cream rouge used first of all and then a slightly brighter one—but dry—will make you look more alluring.

This also applies to eye shadow. A lighter one for the lids and a slightly different shade towards the brows, which should be well defined and neatly trimmed.

Your powder should also be darker than for day use. Apply two or even three coats with soft pads of cotton wool. Dust lightly over the face and then gently brush off all traces of superficial powder, leaving a nice matt finish.

SAFE DIET FOR GASTRIC ULCERS

Great care is needed in the feeding of sufferers from gastric and duodenal ulcers and inflammation of the stomach. The wrong kind of food will increase the pain and discomfort. In the early stages of treatment small quantities of liquid food must be taken at frequent intervals.

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Charlie Chaplin Idyll Ended?

Hollywood. Paulette Goddard will no longer be Charlie Chaplin's leading lady. She has signed a long-term contract with another producer, David Selznick, to star in his film of the novel "Gone with the Wind."

And the film world is asking to-night:

"Is Charlie Chaplin's romance over?"

Chaplin is said to have done all he could to prevent her taking the part. Only he knows whether Paulette has gone with the wind—and he isn't talking.

The part will be Paulette's first leading role, apart from "Modern Times" with Chaplin, in which she did not speak a word.

She was chosen for her "Gone with the Wind" role—Scarlett O'Hara—not from screen tests but rehearsals attended by Director George Cukor, Film Adapter Sidney Howard, and Mr. Selznick.

ENGLISH COACH

She leaves at once for Florida, where she will be coached by the English actress Constance Collier.

Paulette's friends say she has been very unhappy owing to lack of work and Chaplin's failure to write another part for her.

On the other hand, many are wondering if it will result in Selznick linking up with Chaplin.

It is known Selznick would like to purchase the Pickford-Fairbanks-Chaplin shares in United Artists now their deal with Korda and Goldwyn has fallen through.

When Chaplin first met Paulette she was a chorus girl in Eddie Cantor's "Kid from Spain."

Many people say Chaplin married her in 1934; but this has never been confirmed.

"I'll Wait For Shirley Temple"

New York. When the Earl of Warwick, who obtained a decree nisi against his wife recently, arrived in New York on his way back to Hollywood, he denied reports that he was planning to remarry.

"I'm going to wait until Shirley Temple has grown up," he said jokingly. [Shirley is eight.]

Lord Warwick said he received a number of film offers from Hollywood, and he hoped "to make a success this time."

OFF TO GET HIS EYE IN



UNBORN INFANT IN COURT CASE

Chicago, Ill.

A court ruling that an unborn baby is not an individual has led attorneys for Mrs. Theresa Smith to file an appeal against the ruling of Judge Harry M. Fisher. Judge Fisher's ruling was based on a precedent set 54 years ago by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The problem arose when Mrs. Smith filed suit against Drs. Albert Luckhardt and I. S. Trostler, specialists, charging they incorrectly diagnosed her pregnancy in February, 1924, as an abdominal tumour and gave her five X-Ray treatments, each lasting 45 minutes. Five months later a baby girl was born. She charged the X-Ray injured the unborn child to such an extent that it was an imbecile from birth and never passed the mental age of two years. The child died last October 25.—United Press.

\$10 Fine Was In Stomach

Pittsburgh. John Hudzicki was jailed recently because the \$50 that would have paid his fine for biting his wife was where he couldn't get it. His wife had \$40 and a \$10 bill was in his stomach.

His wife, Mary, sent him to get \$50 on an insurance policy. John returned with the \$50, but handed over only \$40 to Mrs. Hudzicki. She grabbed for the \$10 and John put it in his mouth. She tried to get it from his mouth and he bit her fingers. In the excitement he swallowed the bill.

The magistrate offered John a choice between a \$50 fine or 60 days in jail. John looked appealingly at his wife. She shook her head. He patted his stomach and went to jail.—United Press.

MAKING EARLY START TO SEASON.—H. W. Austin and his actress wife, Phyllis Konstam, leaving London for the Riviera. Britain's No. 1 lawn tennis star will play in tournaments at Monte Carlo and Beaulieu.

Writer Denies Rumour of Secret Japanese Canal

By Carroll Kenworthy
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.

THE LONG-RUMOURED JAPANESE PLAN TO BUILD A STRATEGIC CANAL ACROSS SIAM TO CIRCUMVENT THE BRITISH NAVAL BASE AT SINGAPORE IS DISCOUNTED HERE AS A "FABLE" BY THE WRITER JOHN L. CHRISTIAN, WHO HAS LIVED FOR MANY YEARS IN THAT REGION.

The canal is impracticable from the commercial viewpoint and hazardous from the strategic viewpoint, according to Christian. Political conditions, moreover, make its construction extremely unlikely, he believes.

Under the title "The Kra Canal Fable" he discussed the engineering, trade and military aspects of such a canal in the last issue of the new magazine *Amerasia*.

He contends that construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Siam at the narrow neck where Kra is located would be technically practicable, provided it was dug at sea level. That would be necessary, he said, because there is not sufficient water during the dry season in the Pak-kan River which flows into the Indian Ocean nor in the Tayoung River on the Siamese side to supply locks.

The distance between deep water in both oceans across the Isthmus of Kra is 65 miles, he reported. The canal therefore, would be longer than the Panama Canal, which is 40 nautical miles. The land is about 250 feet above the sea for as much as 18 miles of the 65. Mountains between 2,000 and 4,000 feet high rise for much of the other distance of the Isthmus, making Kra the only practicable point for the canal.

Kra is 700 miles north of Singapore, according to Christian. That distance, he contends is not sufficient

to make it worth while for shipping to avoid the Straits of Singapore particularly as vessels on the Europe-China route would have to pass around Ceylon and thereby lose 300 miles on one side and 300 on the other to avoid shoal waters and islands off Cambodia. Moreover, they would all miss the lucrative trade of Singapore which is among the richest in the Orient, he said.

The only shipping which would profit would be that between Japan and India, he said, but diminishing returns are in prospect for the route in view of the growing industrialisation of India and the restrictions upon trade of the two nations in raw and finished cotton.

"Mention of Japan brings us to the alleged strategic dangers of the proposed canal," he continued. "Japan is pointed out as the one that desires to make a flank attack on Singapore to break Britain's power at that bottle neck. This, we are told, will be achieved best by the construction of an alternate route into the Indian Ocean via Kra. Again I ask you to look at a detailed map of the Kra area."

BRITISH TERRITORY

"The last 40 miles of the northern bank of the proposed Canal would lie in British territory (Burma). Directly across the mouth of the Pak-kan estuary 2½ miles wide, lies a British island, Victoria Point, easily fortified and already possessing an airfield and an emergency landing field of the Imperial Airways, just out into the Pak-kan as a threat to any hostile power contemplating the construction of a canal at that point."

POTENTIAL GIBRALTAR

"St. Matthews Island, 18 miles long and dominated by heights visible 35 miles out to sea, is a British outpost a short distance from the Pak-kan. Thus potential Gibraltar and Malta already are occupied ready for fortification by the Empire. Numerous other islands guard the approaches to Kra. The Japanese are a practical people, perfectly aware of the old naval maxim illustrated at Gallipoli: only fools fight forts. England still holds the aces in southern Asia."

Regarding political conditions, he contends that Siam would have to construct the canal for the Japanese to do so. He said that Siam already had declined to dredge the bar at the Mekong River mouth and refused to allow a Japanese air line from Formosa to Bangkok.

"The Siamese attitude distinguishes between extreme friendship for Japan and determination to remain masters of their own house," he said. "Little real coming of interest can be found between Siam and Japan. There is more anti-Chinese than pro-Japanese sentiment in Bangkok."—United Press.

Fighting Spirit "Irrepressible"

Berlin. A FRANK account of the secrecy with which Germany's new Air Force, forbidden under the military clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, was built up after Herr Hitler came to power was given this morning in a broadcast speech by Field-Marshal Goering, the Air Minister.

This was combined with a veiled threat to Czechoslovakia, and other countries with German minorities, and a proud declaration of the "invincibility" of the German Air Force. Field-Marshal Goering's words rang with the true spirit of Prussian militarism.

The speech was delivered before an audience of generals and high officials in the Hall of Honour of the Air Ministry. It was part of the celebration of Germany's "Air Force Day."

For the first time Field-Marshal Goering carried his baton. It had been presented to him in the morning by Herr Hitler.

"NO PEACE-TIME WEAPON"

"Everybody must realise," he declared, "that it is no peace-time parade weapon that has been created in the German Air Force. It is the sharpest weapon of war that we were able to develop."

His next words seemed to be intended as an indication of one of the uses to which the new Force might be put, if Germany's demands were disregarded.

"In his Reichstag speech," he said, "the Fuehrer proudly proclaimed that we would no longer tolerate the oppression of 10,000,000 Germans beyond our frontiers. You soldiers of the Air Force know that, if need be, you must stake your lives in support of the Fuehrer's words."

"Our service is inspired by an irrepressible fighting spirit and a blazing certainty of victory. Even though we as Germans and as men, have a passionate desire for peace, we are ready at any time, as soldiers of the youngest service, to tell the Fuehrer and the people that his Air Force is invincible in the face of all opponents."

COWARDLY PACIFISM

Field-Marshal Goering had begun by describing the destruction of the German forces under the "shameful peace of Versailles." Worse even than this, he declared, was the cowardly spirit of pacifism that reigned in Germany at that time.

"But," he added, "in spite of everything, it was impossible completely to wipe out the spirit that had inspired the whole German people when, for four and a half years in a single wall of smoke and steel, of gas and destruction, it had guarded the frontiers of the Fatherland against a world in arms. From the first day this inspiration worked against the evil spirit which meant Germany's down fall."

"In the air, however Germany remained shackled. By expending every effort and using every loophole one single refuge was created in Germany where aviation could still live. This was the German Luft-hansa Airways Co."

GOAL FOR CENTURIES

"There, energetic men gathered together with the object, even under the guise of civil activities, of keeping alive the spirit which for centuries has led men towards the goal of flight."

"That was the state of affairs when the National-Socialist party assumed power. As soon as our glorious victory had introduced the new era in Germany, and the swastika banner waved from every pinnacle, the chance had come to build up the German fighting forces."

"In the case of the sister services, the Army and Navy, the task was comparatively easier. The cadres were already there and an increase and extension could take place almost unnoted."

"With the Air Force it was more difficult. The Army and Navy alone could not guard our frontiers if the air were left unprotected. A new Air Force had, thus, to be created—at first in secrecy."

"Germany was still too weak. Eager eyes from abroad observed everything that happened inside our country."

"I still remember how, a few days after we had assumed power, the Fuehrer, who had called on me to create order in Prussia, told me that it was a much more important task to give the German people a new Air Force. The first thing that had to be done was to build an air fleet that would face all risks and under the protection of which the whole rearmament programme could be carried through."

Mae Stays West

Hollywood. Mae West has received tempting offers for a personal appearance in England, but definitely has not accepted, yet.

"They offered me a king's ransom to appear behind the English footlights," she said, "but then I'm no king's. I shall have to consider it." Her manager said it is unlikely that Mae West will agree to British theatrical tours because she is afraid the British public might not appreciate her personal appearance technique.



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MASSED AIR RAID AGAINST HANKOW

Damage Very Slight; But 100 Killed At Yuchiatow

Hankow, Mar. 27. After many weeks of absence, Japanese planes raided Hankow and Wuchang to-day when over 60 planes bombed the aerodromes and the Canton-Hankow railway station. The alarm was sounded at 4.15 p.m. when the planes were sighted en route from Anhwei and Chinese planes took off. Twenty minutes later Japanese bombers, escorted by pursuit planes, arrived. Heavy anti-aircraft fire greeted the raiders, but no hits were registered. No damage was done to the aerodromes but a big fire was started at the railway station and spread to dwellings nearby. Reuter's correspondent was 200 yards from the Hankow aerodrome when nearly 100 bombs were dropped there. Only a runway was slightly damaged.—Reuter.

At Yuchiatow 100 people were killed, says Central News.

PLANES VISIT SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 26. A squadron of Chinese planes appeared over Wusung, Kiangnan and the western district of Shanghai last night on a reconnaissance flight, according to Chinese press reports. The Japanese are said to have trained powerful searchlights into the sky in an effort to spot the aerial visitors, who dropped no bombs nor were they fired on by the Japanese.—Reuter.

KWANGTUNG RAIDS

Canton, Mar. 26. The Canton-Kowloon Railway was bombed this morning between Cheungmuktau and Tutong by one

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

Russia Claims Manchukuo Fails To Pay

Moscow, Mar. 26. According to reports made to Tass Agency from well-informed circles, the Manchukuo Government failed to redeem, on March 23, according to schedule, the last obligation amounting to about 6,000,000 yen to the U.S.S.R. in payment for the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Soviet Government resolutely protested to Manchukuo and Japan "for the failure to observe the precise engagements in connection with the agreement upon the Chinese Eastern Railway, which was not qualified by any conditions." Tass declares that the agreement for the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway was supplemented by a note from Mr. Koki Hirota, Foreign Minister, which contains the obligation, in case of difficulties in connection with payments by the Manchukuo Government, to take measures that the Soviet Government may receive all payments due within the schedule established by the agreement.—Reuter.

RAIDS YESTERDAY

Canton, Mar. 27. A large squadron of 53 Japanese planes including bombers and pursuit planes were seen over Tongkawan and an air alarm was sounded this morning at 9.25. Five minutes later they reached Bocca Tigris. The raiders then flew in small groups and raided many places including Fatshan, Kaukung, Chanchuen, and many places along the Canton-Samsui Railway and the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

RUMOURS REVIVED

Canton, Mar. 27. After weeks of tranquillity an undercurrent of excitement was again in evidence throughout the city during the week-end as the result of a further crop of wild rumours, all of which are without foundation, it is said. Early this afternoon it was reported that martial law would be enforced at 6 p.m. for precautionary reasons, but the military authorities subsequently decided that the situation did not call for such drastic steps and the city is now normal. It is significant, however, that exceptionally widespread aerial operations took place in Kwangtung to-day when several groups of Japanese planes roared across Canton, drawing pom-pom fire, but anti-aircraft guns were silent. Semi-official sources state that over 30 planes participated in the raid, the objectives being mainly the Canton-Hankow railway, Kowloon, Whampoa, Bocca Tigris, Sanyuan and nearer home. Seven bombs were dropped on the countryside north of Canton, particularly close to a party of foreigners. The damage, however, was allegedly slight.—Reuter Special.

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C. PUBLIC NOTICE.

The attention of all Registered Medical Practitioners and all persons or firms in any way connected with the importation, possession, distribution or sale of Anti-Smallpox Vaccine Lymph is drawn to Government Notification No. 143 dated the 14th February, 1936, (Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, Importation and Exportation):—

"No person shall import for sale, distribution or use in the Colony any vaccine lymph unless such vaccine lymph is accompanied by a certificate to the satisfaction of the Director of Medical Services, that the same is of a proper strength, quality and purity." "Penalties 12 (1) Every person who commits or attempts to commit any offence against this Ordinance or against any Order in Council made thereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable upon conviction either summarily or on indictment to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year and to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars."

P. S. SELWYN CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.
March 24, 1938.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Book will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

TROOPSHIP ARRIVES

H.M. Troopship Dilwara arrived in Hongkong this morning from Southampton, with a large body of officers and men for the Hongkong and other Far Eastern garrisons.

PORTUGUESE WARSHIP DRY-DOCKED HERE

The Portuguese warship, Bartolomeu Dias, which brought the Governor of Macao to Hongkong on Friday, has entered the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock for overhaul. H.M.S. Suffolk, which was in the same dock last week, is now lying in mid-stream.

APPEALS TO PUBLIC TO FIGHT EPIDEMIC MENACE IN COLONY

In a message to the Press, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, recently appointed Director of Health Services, draws a graphic picture of the horrors of small-pox neglect and points the way to the defeat of an epidemic which has already claimed over one thousand lives.

The Hon. Dr. Selwyn-Clarke writes as under: Small-pox has broken out in Hongkong about once in every five years since 1911-12 when many persons died of the sickness.

Why is this? Because: (a) people do not know that it is necessary that they should be vaccinated at least every five years in a place like Hongkong, and (b) certain Chinese believe that a child should not be vaccinated until it has passed its second Chinese New Year. In this way a child born just after the New Year is two years old before it is vaccinated, if it has escaped getting small-pox up till then.

In spite of the law which lays down that children must be vaccinated within six weeks of being born, many remain unvaccinated until the recalled epidemic time. Thus, there is always in Hongkong sufficient suitable ground for the growth and development of the small-pox poison.

In previous outbreaks of small-pox three out of five cases were hidden away from the Health Authorities and lived in overcrowded tenements.

Remember that one out of every four who get small-pox die and that already one thousand persons have died this year, and that those who do not die suffer from a painful sickness which may end in blindness or in scarring of the face and body.

Surely, with such a terrible sickness, it is very little to ask that houses, clothes and bedding should be made free from the germs of the disease by a member of the family or one of the household gets small-pox.

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT

This is a very small upset to save life and to prevent suffering. Parents and relatives sometimes do not wish to leave their children with small-pox at the hospital. If this is not done, the child suffering from the sickness has far less chance of getting well and, in addition, the child will pass on the illness to other children in the house and any person who may enter the house.

Very little can be done in a fight against small-pox without the help and co-operation of the General Public.

The Health Authorities are therefore appealing for the help of every person to stamp out the illness.

Yes, you can help the Health Authorities by: (1) Making sure that you and your family and servants are well protected against small-pox by vaccination. Note: (a) babies should be vaccinated within six weeks of birth, (b) everyone should be re-vaccinated once every five years.

Vaccination is carried out at all Government Hospitals and Dispensaries and by units of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

(2) Reporting at once to the Health Authorities any damage caused by the disinfecting squads.

(3) Reporting at once to the Health Authorities or to the nearest Police Station if you see or hear of any person who may be sick with small-pox.

(4) Telling everyone you know that there is no charge for the use of the ambulance which carries people to hospital and that no charge is made for food or treatment at the hospital.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, states:

"The weakness in the Exchange market found some reflection in this market. A fair amount of business was transacted with rates in some instances showing an improvement on the opening quotations."

"The Manila market was reported as 'uncertain' and such rates as did come through suggest that that market was idle."

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Money Control In Japan

To Check Unfair Competition

Tokyo, Mar. 26.
A Foreign Office spokesman announced that the Exchange Control Ordinance will be revised and promulgated on March 28, to be made effective on April 5. He said that the Finance Ministry's primary purpose was the establishment of a sound condition on the Exchange market by controlling transactions by exchange banks in Japan and checking unfair competition among them.

The spokesman said: "The revisions will scarcely affect those engaged in general business and will tend to lighten the burden of banks and facilitate business transactions by granting comprehensive permits for a month based on the previous total of monthly transactions."

Under the revision of the Ordinance, Government permission will be necessary for the following:

Purchases and sales of foreign exchange in Japan; sale of the Japanese yen by Japanese banks abroad; remittances, including cash, to foreign countries; telegraphic transfers; exporting security coupons in foreign currency and the issuance of letters of credit.—United Press.

TO BE EXTENDED

Tokyo, Mar. 27.
The decree will be extended to Japan's outlying possessions, Kwantung leased territory and Manchukuo.

Simultaneously the Finance Ministry announced the creation of a foreign exchange inspection section with 15 inspectors to supervise foreign exchange transactions.—Reuter.

MOMENTOUS SESSION

Diet Closes After Historic
Rush of Business

Tokyo, Mar. 27.
One of the most momentous sessions in Japan's Parliamentary history was brought to a formal close at 11 a.m. to-day. Emperor Hirohito was not present at the ceremony. His edict closing the session was read by the Premier, Prince Kono, before the two Houses.

In a statement issued this morning Prince Kono warned the nation that the hostilities in China would continue for a long time.

"Some people seem to feel that the incident has terminated," he said. "As a matter of fact, it cannot be regarded in any manner as having been brought to an end. It is more proper to say the fight has just begun. It is my work as well as the task of the entire nation to exert our utmost for the realisation of the aims of this crusade."

The Diet statement said the session had been under wartime conditions. Only a day's prolongation was required to complete its deliberations. In order to meet the requirements of long term military operation in connection with the China incident, the Government had presented as many as 88 legislative bills, including the unprecedented enormous budget all of which had been approved. All important bills, including those for national and general mobilisation and State control of the electric power industry, had been seriously discussed by the Diet with proper understanding of the current situation.

The Premier declared that the merits of a united National Front were thus displayed.

"We will make every effort to operate adequately and effectively on the basis of the measures approved by the Diet," the statement continues.

"The Government is prepared to forge ahead with firm determination and great effort so that the nation's expectations shall not be disappointed."

Among the bills passed by the Diet were the budgetary estimates exceeding ¥7,700,000,000, to be expended by April 1, 1939, and several measures extending State control in almost every field of endeavour.

Backed by the fighting services, the Government succeeded in pushing through the Diet two measures ensuring State control of the electric power industry and empowering the government to control the nation's entire human and material resources in time of emergency.

Unexpectedly strong opposition to the Power Control Bill, dubbed by its opponents as a "piece of Communist legislation" in the Upper House, yesterday led some newspapers to forecast the possibility of the Cabinet's resignation.

A protracted conference of the leaders of the two Houses and members of the Cabinet, however, resulted in a compromise acceptable to the Government.—Reuter Special.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Japanese Diplomatic Service Announcements

Tokyo, Mar. 26.
The following appointments in the Japanese Diplomatic Service were announced to-day:

Baron Makoto Tomii, Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy in London, becomes Minister at Ottawa.

Mr. Kenichi Okada is appointed Minister to South Africa.

Captain Shinichi Toriguchi is appointed naval attaché to the Japanese Legation in Siam.—Reuter.

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP

Washington, Mar. 28.
Mr. Anthony J. Dimond, delegate for Alaska in the United States, said that Japan's agreement to withdraw from Alaska fishing will increase the friendship between the two nations and end a dangerous situation.—United Press.

JAPANESE RETIRING IN SOUTH SHANTUNG

Hankow, Mar. 27.

The first Chinese general offensive on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front yesterday is proceeding well. Crack Central Government troops are engaged in the counter-offensive, assisted by newly arrived artillery and mechanised units equipped with the latest types of heavy field pieces, tanks and armoured cars.

The central column under Sun Lion-chung is stated to have crossed the Grand Canal and reoccupied Hanchwang, which the Japanese captured on March 19.

To the east another column under Tang Eng-po is stated to have recrossed the Grand Canal where the Yihshien branch line on the Tientsin-Pukow railway passes the Canal, and will engage the Japanese near Tientsin at Tanchow.

Further east still reinforcements are being rushed to Linzi where the Chinese garrison is being beleaguered by the Japanese advance. Gunfire is audible from Linzi.

Chinese reinforcements are being sent hurriedly to Kwiatich, west of Hanchow, from Kaifeng, following reports that the Japanese are sending eight divisions to the western sector.

It is believed here that following their stalemate on the Tientsin-Pukow railway the Japanese will now attempt to force their way down this area and capture Kwiatich, which would divide the Chinese at Hanchow and Chengchow. Another theory is that the Japanese may achieve the same object either separately or by means of a combined attack by crossing the Yellow River further west and capturing Kaifeng.

As if by way of a preliminary for this latest drive, news has been received here of a new Japanese offensive on the north bank of the Yellow River opposite Kaifeng. They attacked Changyuan, north-east of Kaifeng, and after 48 hours of bitter fighting entered the city. A company of Chinese in the town was wiped out. There is no news of an attempt to cross the river and it appears therefore that the operations are more in the nature of mopping-up operations prior to attempting the crossing in the future.—Reuter.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

7.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.50 Concert Waltzes.
Beauty Waltz (Composer Unknown); Waltz of Russian Melodies (Composer Unknown); Russian Novelty Orchestra; His Dream Waltz (Schwarz); Russian Novelty Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Chinese Programme.

9.0 Chinese Programme—Relay from Lee Theatre.

11.0 Close Down.

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZEK on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.

8.03 Schubert Compositions.
Marche Militaire, San Francisco Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alfred Hertz; Aufenthal; Der Doppelgänger, Alexander Kipnis (Bass) Frank Ribb at the Piano; Duo For Piano and Violin in A Major, Op. 102, Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin); Die Post; Wohin; in Abend; Die Vögel; Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) accompanied by Karl Alwin (Piano); Solace De Vienne No. 6, Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano Solo); Schubert Waltzes, Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

9.0 London Relay—'Empire Exchange'.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.15 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
"Iolanthe"—Selection; "Pirates of Penzance"—Selection.
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. R. G. Evans; "Trial by Jury"; A Nice Dilemma.
Leo Sheffield-Arthur Hosking-Derek Oldham-George Bulcer-Winifred Lawson and Chorus; I Love Him.
Winifred Lawson-Derek Oldham and Chorus; The Question, Gentleman; Oh, Joy Unbounded.
Leo Sheffield-Arthur Hosking-Winifred Lawson-Derek Oldham and Chorus.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Paul Robeson.

It Take A Long Pull To Get There (Gershwin); Lullaby (Heyward and Gershwin); Song Of Freedom (From the film).

10.0 Variety.

Organ Solo—Jan Kiepura Film Melodies, Marcel Paillet; Vocal—Remember Me (From Mr. Dodd takes the Air); Here Comes The Sandman (From Mr. Dodd takes the Air); Elsie Carlisle; Piano Solo—Damsel in Distress—Selection; Medley, Patricia Rossborough; Hawaiian Music—Serenade In The Night (Bixio-Cherubini-Kennedy); Slippery Fingers (Smack); The Kineton Hawaiian Players; Orchestra—Mingouli—Tango (Delino-Lining); Carino Gaucho—Tango (Canaro-Demare-Paiva); Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro with vocal refrain.

10.30 New Dance Records.

Dance Orch.—When My Heart Says—Fox-Trot (From 'Let's make a night of it'); You've Got To Take Your Pick And Swing (From 'Let's make a night of it').

Ronnie Munro And His Orchestra; Amazon Gues A-Wooling—One-Step (Sid Phillips); Glamour Girl—Fox-Trot (Strauss-Dale); Jack Harris And His Orchestra; Too, Too, Too! On Your Flute—Fox-Trot (Sarony); Follow The Band—One-Step (Sarony); New Mayday Dance Orchestra cond. by Ronnie Munro vocal refrain by Leslie Sarony; Me And My Girl—Fox-Trot (From the film); Lambeth Walk—Fox-Trot (From the film).

CLOUSTON, RICKETTS SET MARK

London, Mar. 27.

Flying Officer Clouston and Mr. Victor Ricketts arrived at Croydon at 5.40 p.m. GMT, to-day, after the first record round flight from England to New Zealand and back.

The complete trip took ten days and 20 1/2 hours.

They left Cairo at 3.45 a.m. to-day and arrived at Marseilles about 1.30 p.m. They left half an hour later for Croydon where big crowds welcomed them.—British Wireless.

JAPAN'S THREAT TO THE NAVIES OF THE WORLD

(Continued from Page 6.)

In effect, "We don't want to build a vast navy to equal the British or United States fleets, but we demand the right to do so." Prestige counts for much with the Japanese.

Eventually, however, Japan agreed to the famous proportion of 5 to 3, which means that Great Britain and the United States could have five capital ships to every three owned by Japan, or, in other words, 15 to 9, the numbers which have been maintained by the three leading Powers at sea ever since this treaty was signed, though now, of course, failure to reach agreement in London meant that new ships are under construction in the United States and in Great Britain.

The Washington Treaty held until December 1, 1936; that some similar agreement could not replace it was due to Japan's insistence that her hands must be free.

British Interests

If Japan's present campaign in China is carried through to a complete triumph, and if she builds extensively in capital ships, and in the many types of smaller craft which are essential to the modern fleet, Great Britain will have to consider carefully her naval position in Eastern waters.

Suggestions have been made that with the great naval base at Singapore now ready, a battle-fleet should be stationed there. At the moment we have only a few battleships to enable us to station a fleet there without unduly weakening our position at home and in the Mediterranean, and when the battleships at present building are ready—by 1942—and when the further five which it is believed will quickly follow them are also ready, a fleet could be based on Singapore.

The fears of Australia and New Zealand would doubtless be banished by such a move, but a lot of work is involved in the sending of a battle-fleet to distant waters. It is not simply a matter of sending one or two squadrons of five battleships each to Eastern waters; swarms of destroyers, light cruisers, and other subsidiary craft must also go. The new conditions brought about by the development of air power mean that several large aircraft carriers would have to accompany such a fleet.

As it is, Great Britain's strength in Far Eastern waters consists of the 4th Cruiser Squadron of four heavy and two light cruisers, the old aircraft carrier Eagle, carrying 20 aeroplanes, a flotilla of nine destroyers, and a number of sloops and small craft.

In addition, there is an important submarine concentration, some 16 submarines being maintained there. If, however, a growing Japanese battle-fleet were to cause anxiety, the only effective answer would be a British battle-fleet stationed at Singapore or based on the African station.

The South African Minister of Defence has made a number of public statements in favour of the establishment of a powerful and strongly-protected naval base at Durban, and it is possible that the African station, where at present only two cruisers and a few sloops are kept, will become the centre of the strategic plan to defend the British Empire, and keep open the vital sea arteries.

Situated thousands of miles from any other great naval Power, Japan has already a fleet which is capable of defending her vital interests, and any large-scale developments of it can mean only a determination to embark upon yet further schemes of expansion.

Great Britain would have to take careful stock of her position if Japan embarked upon any such schemes.

Walter Whitman.

Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra with vocal refrain; On Linger Longer—Fox-Trot (Kennedy-Carry); Please Remember—Fox-Trot (Denby and Watson); Jack Harris and His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Sam Brown.

11.0 Close Down.

NEWS OF SERVICES

Squadron Leader J. E. M. MacCallum has been appointed for administrative duties at the R.A.F. Station at Solihull, Birmingham. Since 1936 he has been on flying duties at Kai Tak station, Hongkong, where he is O.C., Station Flight.

Squadron Leader MacCallum gained a commission in the R.A.F. after three years' service as an apprentice and aircraftman. He has served with Nos. 2 and 6 (Army Co-operation) Squadrons at home and in Egypt and Palestine, as a flying instructor at Solihull and Duxford, and with Nos. 15 and 98 (Bomber) Squadrons at Abingdon. He was promoted to his present rank in August last.

NAVAL AIR BRANCH

Lieutenant-Commander A. M. Rundle has been appointed to the Hermes for duty with Air Branch officers, who will receive their elementary training in this ship. For the past two years he has commanded No. 822 (Torpedo Spotter Reconnaissance) Squadron in the carrier Furlous. Entering Osborne as a cadet in September, 1915, he went to sea in 1919 as midshipman of the Barkham, and was promoted to sub-lieutenant in 1922. It was in this rank that he was appointed to specialize as an air pilot in 1924, and he has flown naval aircraft from the carriers Furlous, Courageous, Glorious, and Eagle in home waters, the Mediterranean, and China; and from the cruisers Enterprise and Kent in the East Indies and China. He has held rank as squadron leader in the R.A.F. since July, 1935.

CARRIER FOR TRAINING

H.M.S. Hermes, Commander L. V. Donne, D.S.C., now in the Reserve Fleet, Devonport, is to be employed as training ship for the short-service officers who are to be entered in the Air Branch. As already announced, these officers will be given three months' preliminary naval training at Devonport in which they will be introduced to seamanship, boat work, and the like. The Hermes was the first vessel specially designed by the Admiralty as a carrier, and was launched in 1919 and completed in 1923. She served in the Mediterranean from 1924, and in China from 1927 to 1933 and again from 1934 to 1937, when she was relieved by the Eagle.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:

Capt. F. C. Flynn to Tarantula (April 22) and to Tarantula in command (undated).

Comdr. G. C. Hoffman to Berwick (April 1).

Lt. Cdr. C. A. Rowe to Midway (April 14); M. G. Rilmington to Parthion (undated).

Sub-Lts. A. P. Culmer to Suffolk; D. J. L. Wood to Sandwich; D. N. Forbes to Grimsby (April 4).

Gunner J. N. Bulman to Kent (March 29).

Midshipmen D. I. Haywood, D. G. Sweeton, M. D. Rahilly to Cornwall (April 20).

NAVAL HISTORY PRIZES

The following awards have been made on the result of the annual prize competition in naval history for the year 1937:

Lieutenant R. J. Hemingway, H.M.S. Regent, first prize of £50, medal, and certificate of merit; Lieutenant R. F. Kipling, H.M.S. Herald, second prize of £30 and certificate of merit; Lieutenant P. W. Gretton, D.S.C., R.N. College, Dartmouth, third prize of £20 and certificate of merit; Lieutenants V. A. Wright-Boycott, H.M.S. Delight, M. Keith-Rosney, H.M.S. Orpheus, and M. G. Haworth, H.M.S. Danae, prizes of £10 and certificates of merit; Lieutenant S. L. C. Maydon, late of H.M.S. Orpheus, certificate of merit.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAM.

The following awards have been made on the result of the annual examination of air power held in December:

French—Lieutenant (E) T. G. J. Mathias, R.N. College, Greenwich, prize of £25 and certificate of merit.

German—Lieutenant (E) H. F. Wright, H.M.S. Capetown, prize of £20; Instructor-Lieutenant F. L. Westwater, H.M.S. Emerald, prize of £10 and certificate of merit.

Spanish—Lieutenant R. W. Mayo, H.M.S. Osprey, prize of £10 and certificate of merit.

Italian—Paymaster Lieutenant A. G. D. Davidson, H.M.S. York, prize of £15 and certificate of merit.

Portuguese—Lieutenant C. H. C. Adams, H.M.S. Herald, prize of £20 and certificate of merit.

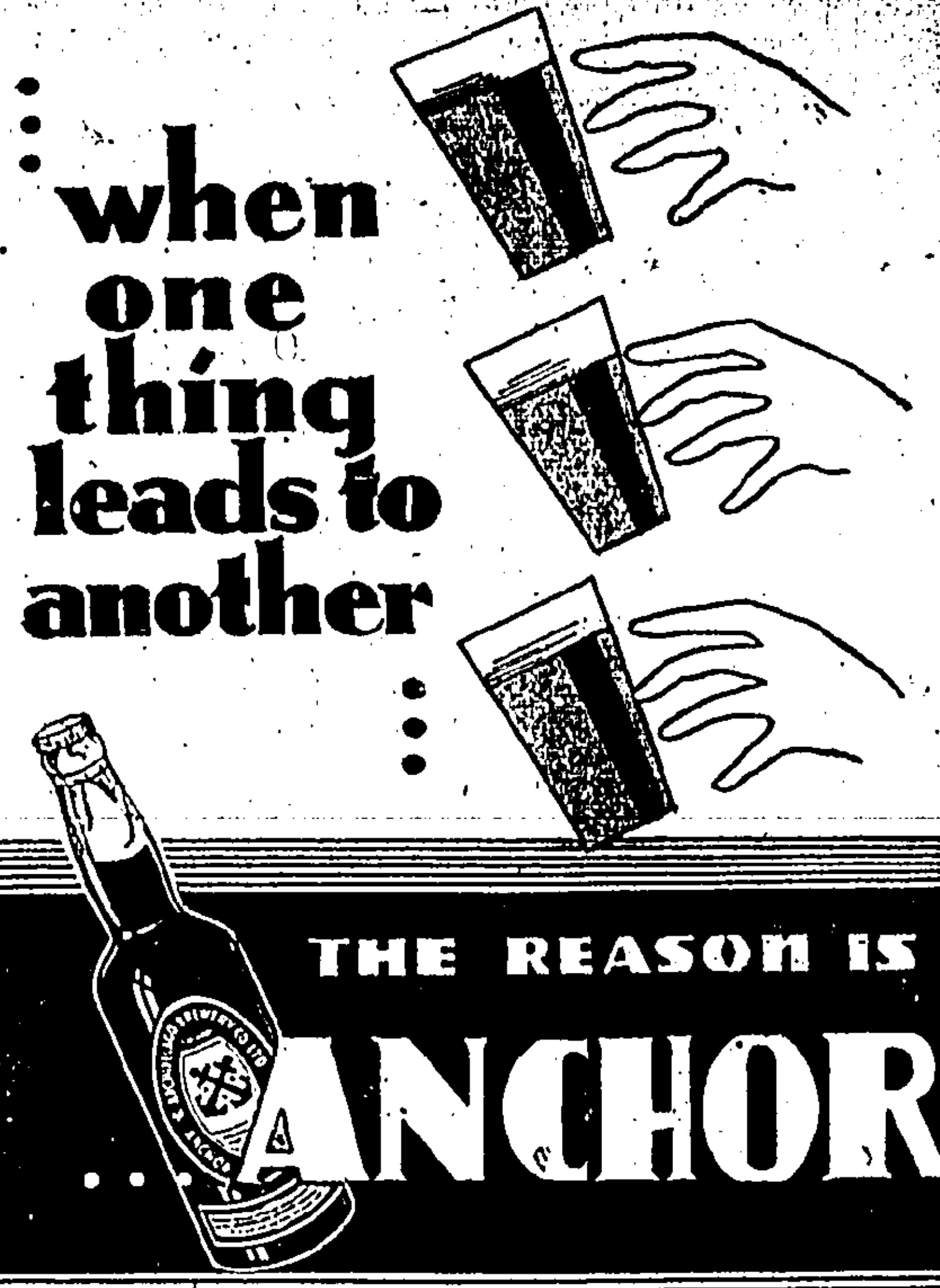
The following officers, not eligible to compete for medals or prizes, have been awarded certificates of merit:

Paymaster Commander W. R. C. Steele, H.M.S. Ramillies (French); Lieutenant-Commander R. G. K. Knowling, H.M.S. Bulldog (German); Paymaster Midshipman J. L. Ridge, H.M.S. Hood (Spanish); Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant D. A. Greenhalgh, H.M.S. Amphion (Afrikaans).

MEDITERRANEAN STAFF

On the conclusion of the combined Fleet exercises Captain R. J. R. Scott, A.M., will relinquish the post of Captain of the Fleet on the staff of Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, which he has held since 1935.

His successor will be Captain C. E. Hotham, D.S.C., late Flag Captain and Chief Staff Officer to Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbie in the Yangtze. Captain Hotham was a specialist in navigation, and was promoted in June, 1933, when commander of Devonport Barracks. During the War he was navigator in destroyer flotillas of the Grand Fleet, and was awarded the D.S.C. in 1918. He commanded H.M.S. Laburnum on the New Zealand Station from 1929 to 1931.



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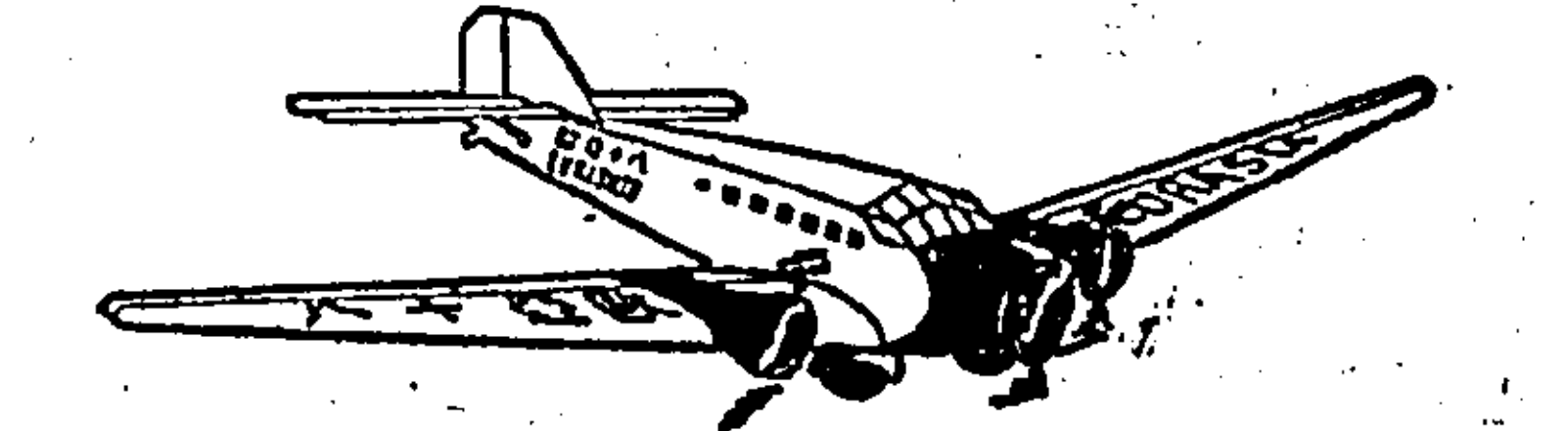
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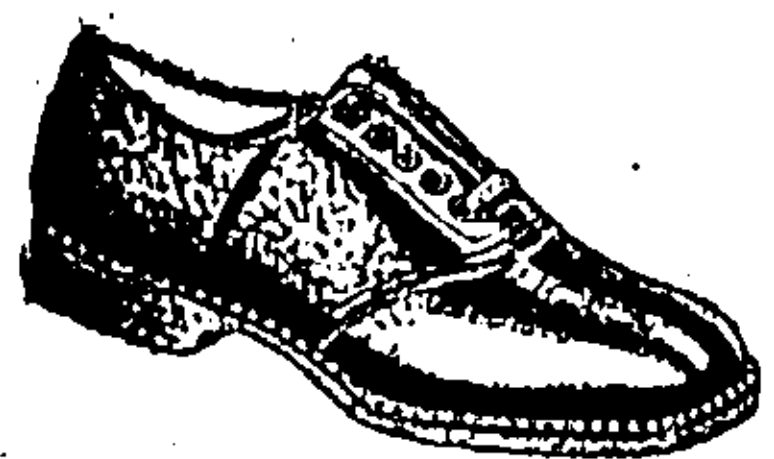
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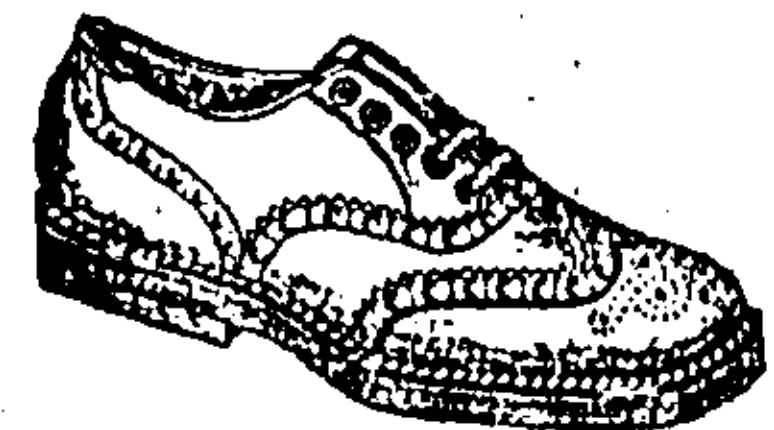
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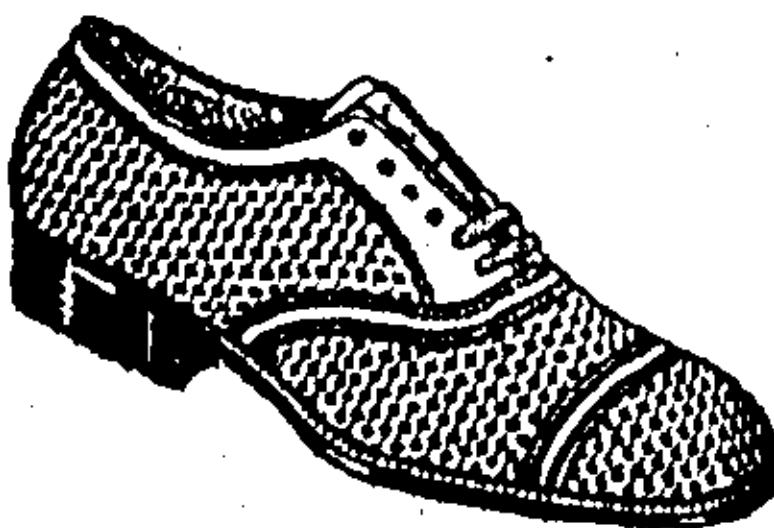
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WALKING WARILY

If Mr. Chamberlain, Britain's Prime Minister, has not exactly solved the problem of foreign policy to the satisfaction of everyone, by his reiteration of the country's determination to go to the aid of France and Belgium in the event of their invasion, he has at least given the required reassurance which will make these two nations more than ever inclined to co-operation in every sphere. There will be some who will want a reciprocal pledge from France for assistance in the event of British possessions being threatened by any power or group of powers. Actually it is not necessary. In pledging herself to the defence of France and Belgium, Great Britain in reality is doing nothing more than safeguarding her own security, for her defensive strategy has long been based upon the assumption that Franco-Belgian borders are her own European frontiers. In this day of aviation power, when nations are only hours apart, it is obvious that Britain is relatively safe from attack as long as she has a superior sea force and an air force at least the equal of any possible adversary, and as long as French and Belgian frontiers are closed to any army of invasion. The guarantee that no such army can march into either of these states without meeting their combined resistance already exists. On the sea Britain is still supreme. In the air, if she has not already built to numerical equality with other powers, she soon will have reached this point in the rapid expansion programme now in hand. As a matter of fact, with the fastest fighting aircraft in the world, she is in a position to take care of herself at this moment against any but the strongest combination of Continental states; and no such combination threatens her. Neither is she alone; for she has the sympathetic support of at least half of Europe and the assurance of active co-operation from powerful neighbours. Britain is easily the "safest" nation in her immediate sphere; and with the backing of the Empire, the mightiest state on earth, both in man-power and material resources. It is natural that the British Government should take the lead in the campaign of appeasement which the advanced thinkers of the country are unanimous in supporting; and it is equally apparent that because of her own security and her confidence in her own great strength, she should be the first to offer compromise in

HIGH in the sky the silver bombers come at all hours of the day and night. Only clouds keep them away.

When they come at night you don't often see them because the searchlights usually fail to pick them out; but in the day they are innocent, like leaves, and no bigger, twisting and turning in a high wind, which you can't feel.

Mostly it is the prowling fighters which tumble about the sky; the bombers, in arrow-heads of three, like to fly straight across the cities they have come to wreck. Then they seem to move more slowly than any aeroplanes have ever moved before.

Article On Air Raids

Probably—almost certainly—they are travelling at no less than 200 miles an hour, those Junkers and Heinkels and Capronis and Savoias. But to look at them, knowing that you dwell beneath their wings, you wouldn't think so.

WHEN first you experience an air raid and don't know what is happening, it is irresistible; you want to go out into the street and stand with upturned face staring at those tiny wheeling shafts of light, which contain (only you can't believe it) men who are talking to one another; and contain, too, high explosives which those men, by pressing a switch, can drop somewhere upon the land below them—somewhere near where you are standing.

If the bombers are right over your head you are pretty safe, because bombs don't drop perpendicularly: when they are released from their racks they are already travelling forward at 200 miles an hour; and in their flight they lose impetus, so that by the time they reach the ground their downward speed is greater than their forward.

When I saw my first air raid I saw a bomb crash into the side of a house, about half-way up, as though someone had thrown it from the opposite side of the square.

Before the bomb burst, the outside of the storey where it had hit, dissolved, like an aspirin in water. You could see it in powder, and you heard no noise. Then the bomb exploded and after that—or rather, simultaneously with that—I disappeared. I'm glad I did. Bits and pieces rocketed through the doorway where I was standing;

order to avoid dangerous friction. Mr. Chamberlain, however, recognises that there is a point beyond which it would not be wise to retreat in matters of diplomacy. There is justification, too, for his refusal to precisely define the last line, so to speak, beyond which his Government cannot be hustled. The uncertainty should have the effect of deterring aggressive nations, and at the same time Britain's obvious sincerity in seeking for a peace-preserving formula should have the effect of lessening antagonisms and keeping the way open for negotiation.

Meanwhile, having looked to his frontiers, Mr. Chamberlain is attempting to bring Labour into line for a speeding up of production in the armaments industry; and the indications are that he is succeeding. This is one of his greatest problems; and he has shown foresight in tackling it at this stage, before the necessity is immediate, arriving with real danger. There is no doubt of his ability to rally the whole nation in the face of actual peril; for the nature of the people assures him of their full support. But in his programme of preparedness the full collaboration of Labour is also vital, as much so as in time of frightening emergency. A victory on the "home front" would vastly increase the Government's influence abroad, reassure the Empire and give the British people that feeling of confidence that only comes with closest unity and understanding among all classes and parties.

but worse than those was the metal drawn only by gravity. It was so bitter and so strong that you felt it was tearing the lining out of your nose.

The aeroplanes dropped a lot of bombs almost simultaneously. By rights, because they were flying in a straight line, the bombs ought to have fallen in the same way; but they didn't. They fell all over the place.

UP to now it had been interesting; but afterwards, when we went across the square to help drag what was left of human beings from their ruined homes, it was horrible. Bits of people, dead only a few minutes, are no joke. And the time that we were digging and scrubbing in the dust and ruin, the fighters played about in the sky above us, so high that they sometimes disappeared into the haze. They were beautiful.

It was only afterwards, after it was all over, that there was time or inclination to be afraid. Between your first air raid and your second (if you have time to ask questions, which isn't always the case) you learn a lot of things.

You learn that if an enemy bomber is coming at you downwind, you are safe; because all the best people only bomb upwind. In that way they can better control what, after all, is not, and never can be, an instrument of precision.

You learn that if, by chance, you should be raided while you are in the country, it is better not to look at the aeroplane, because human faces show up so well against the dark ground; and you learn that it is a good thing to resist the temptation to run to what looks like a safer place, and to lie down. There seldom is a safer place.

When a bomb hits the ground, the bits and pieces fly upward, not horizontally; and it is better to be hit by a piece of jagged

population unmercifully machine-gunned from German Heinkels. They power-dive on mean streets; and sound a whole lot worse than they are.

They sound worse because although they fire their steel-coated bullets with astonishing rapidity, they are travelling so fast that they hit about once every twelve feet. If you happen to be somewhere near that twelfth foot it's too bad. It was too bad once for a little girl I saw. When I saw her die so suddenly I was frightened for the first time; and always afterwards I was frightened.

I DON'T remember how many air raids I've been in during the last twelve months; but I would remember if I had ever seen panic. I never have. I have seen old women twisted with consternation, and frightened; old men, too, and young for that matter; and I have seen children cry. It seemed to me that the children cried because they were puzzled and knew, only vaguely, that something was wrong.

I have seen a child, walking down the street with its grandmother, blown to smithereens. The grandmother was unhurt. She screamed like a woman in the last agonies of pain; but when they told her that what she was doing might upset other people, she stopped; and her face became dull and empty. That's what bombing does to people mainly. It makes them dull and empty. And when it's over, angry.

It's easy to get frightened by bombers, but it's easier to go to sleep if they come while you're in bed; because, the truth is, they make you intolerably tired, if they never leave you alone for more than a few hours at a time.

Aeroplanes sometimes loose off something much more frightening than a bomb that will strip the side off an eight-storey house; and that's a machine-gun bullet.

I have seen part of a civilian

ward I was frightened. That's how it is with air raids. Your imagination doesn't work until you've seen something horrible; and after that it works too hard.

BUT even so it is easy to overrate the danger and the horrors of air bombardment. That is cold comfort for the scores and hundreds and thousands who have died and left not enough of themselves for burial: it is cold comfort for those who have lived and seen their homes in dust. But it is true.

Many times I have sat in the darkened cities of Madrid and Valencia and Barcelona and have heard the faint drone of enemy aeroplanes flying uninterupted across the sky; and heard, too, the muffled crash of bombs not far away. And when later I have been out to look at the damage, I have found no holocaust. The material damage has been slight; but never has the damage to morale been visible.

From such tribulation, so nobly borne, we might ourselves well take some heart for the future which we seem to dread so much.

Philip
Jordan

JAPAN'S THREAT TO THE NAVIES OF THE WORLD

By
Walter Whitman

Prestige First

THE Admiral who recently relinquished command of the French naval forces in the Far East has called attention to the feverish activity taking place in Japanese dockyards under the closest secrecy.

Whereas most of the naval Powers have pledged themselves to announce to one another details of their naval construction each year, Japan, by refusing to sign the last Navy Treaty, has kept herself free to build war-ships at the choicest, and without any obligation to inform the world of her plans.

Although world attention is mainly concentrated upon the war in China, various Admiralties are concerned about what is taking place in the dockyards of Japan, and taxpayers in a good many countries are

likely to be equally concerned later on. For if Japan pursues her present policy of secret naval building, other Powers with Eastern interests will have to take account of their position and build ships, in order to maintain some sort of superiority. Treaty restrictions have always been irksome to Japan, not so much because they limited her naval building, but because it has been hurtful to the pride of the Japanese to have to accept an inferior position in naval strength in relation to other countries.

When the world-war ended, Great Britain and the United States had under construction the mightiest battle-ships ever contemplated, and it was not perhaps surprising that most countries were prepared to agree to some sort of limitation when the obvious alternative was a costly naval race, involving the expenditure of vast sums of money, but leading to nothing but the greater strength of the British and United States navies.

But at the Washington Conference of 1922 the Japanese delegation expressed their dislike of the whole plan of naval limitation. They said

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HOPES OF NAVAL PEACE DIE AS JAPAN IS SILENT

Arms Limitation Agreement Hopes

By Lyle C. Wilson
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.

AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT 10 MONTHS SEEMS TO BE THE ALTERNATIVE TO A COSTLY NAVAL RACE AT THE EXPENSE OF TAX PAYERS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Prospects for naval limitation are not bright although spokesmen for the United States, Japan and Great Britain, the three major naval powers, have this month formally endorsed arms limitation or reduction.

These hopeful statements are modified by the fact that Great Britain and the United States, have much in common, have been able over the years to find a mutually acceptable basis of limitation only with the greatest difficulty. Japan on the one hand and the two English-speaking powers on the other have not found common ground at all.

But the United States and Great Britain now are in comparative accord on naval limitation. United States naval strategists have modified their insistence on the big 10,000-ton, 8-inch gun type of cruiser which the British did not want the United States to possess in large numbers.

As between Japan and the Anglo-American theory of naval limitation disagreement steadily widened from the 1922 Washington Arms Conference until Japan's delegates finally bolted the latest these conferences which met in London in 1936.

Ten months is taken as the probable grace period before the naval race begins in earnest because the new United States programme for construction of three more battle-ships and 66 lesser vessels scarcely would be underway before then. Once the United States begins to lay keels it is not likely to scrap vessels even before completion. Whether the United States Treasury will be compelled to raise the entire \$800,000,000 (\$1) which the new programme is to cost will depend on developments after the first keels are laid. The bill will provide that the programme may be interrupted at any time to comply with any arms limitation agreement which may be reached.

Mr. Roosevelt's strategy in proposing an emergency building programme to be completed over a period of years was explained in terms of need for national defence. Another factor was the thought that the United States, by demonstrating willingness in addition to undoubted ability to spend billions on arms, might persuade less wealthy nations to reconsider the economic hazards of unlimited naval construction.

Japan's reply to that strategy was uttered by Vice Navy Minister

Isooroku Yamamoto in a statement to the United Press. He said "means will be found" if Japan must expand her fleet to meet competitive building.

Of the three methods of dealing with armaments, the first, which was adopted at Washington in 1922, seems to be both unlikely and unfeasible. That was the actual scrapping or reduction of armaments, backed heavily in 1922 by Great Britain and the United States the actual scrapping plan is proposed now by Japan. The other two methods are:

1. To freeze existing fleets and curtail future building under agreement to limit the size of guns and the tonnage of individual ships and the number of vessels which might be built. Any fleet then would be limited as to total tonnage and as to tonnage for each type of ship.

2. Mere limitation of the size of guns and tonnage of individual ships. But no limit on number of ships.

Limitation of gun sizes, ship tonnage and numbers of ships, a procedure combining both qualitative and quantitative limitation, was effected at the 1930 London Naval Conference. Six years later the naval powers retreated to mere qualitative limitation dealing with gun sizes and ship tonnage. Japan was not a signatory to that agreement. The United States, Great Britain and France, that Japan is building guns and ships larger than treaty powers can construct has served now to scrap even that comparatively moderate qualitative limitation.

In its stead, Japan proposed in a note on Feb. 12 "a drastic reduction in naval armaments, the total abolition of capital ships (vessels of more than 10,000 tons) and aircraft carriers which are aggressive in their nature."

Naval strategists contend that to abandon those types of large vessels would make the United States and Great Britain impotent except in their home waters and, therefore, powerless to protect their trading interests throughout the world. The United States has rejected such a programme once and doubtless will do so again.

But the United States is ready and willing to reduce her armaments, although unwilling to abandon ships most suited to her needs in favour of types best suited to Japan. Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced such willingness on the part of the United States on Feb. 5 in a radio address suggesting "a common effort to bring about general limitation and reduction of armaments."

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain announced Great Britain's willingness to limit and reduce two days later. But Great Britain, like the United States, is not willing to abandon types of ships considered best fitted to protect her trade routes.

The fact seems to be that the United States and Great Britain consider Japan an aggressive power, a potential trouble maker, and for that reason, if for no other, would not agree to the Japanese type of naval reduction which, practically, would disarm either fleet on the high seas. The judgment of aggression levelled at Japan is based on her penetration of the Asiatic mainland where she has taken over Korea and Manchukuo and is engaged in Central China.

Assuming that London and Washington will stand together in refusing the type of naval reduction proposed by Japan, the possibility of any limitation at all appears to depend on Japan accepting some measure of the limitation methods acceptable to the United States and Great Britain. There is no reason to believe Japan will do that.—United Press.



EMPIRE NEWS

S.W. AFRICA AND THE UNION

Capetown. Members of the deputation from the Legislative Assembly of South-West Africa, formerly German, and now administered by the Union under a mandate, to-day met a caucus meeting of the United Party. They put forward a strong case for the administration of South-West Africa as a fifth province of the Union.

The members presented a remarkable picture of German activity in the territory—actively inspired by a belief that its destiny lay with Germany and not with the Union. Instances were quoted of growing intolerance towards farmer settlers from South Africa, of Germans acquiring land in the territory and of South African settlers giving up their farms and returning to the Union.

Diplomatic Corps Banquet.—Members of the Diplomatic Corps last night entertained for the first time since its formation in 1920—the Governor-General, Sir Patrick Duncan, and members of the Union Government at an official banquet.

NEW ZEALAND

AIR SAFETY TROPHY

Auckland. Citizens of Auckland have subscribed £500 towards the foundation of a "Musical Memorial Trophy" to perpetuate the pioneering work of the captain and crew of the Pan-American flying-boat Smanoa Clipper, which was wrecked on Jan. 11 while making her second flight on the United States-New Zealand service. Her commander was Capt. Edward Musick.

The trophy will be awarded annually within the Empire and the United States to the individual or group judged to have made the most valuable contribution during the year to safety in the air and efficiency of aircraft, particularly on trans-oceanic flying.

INDIA

ENGLISHMAN SENT TO PRISON

Calcutta. The young planter on the Jamguri tea estate near Jorhat, Assam, who was charged on December with culpable homicide following the death of an Indian female servant, has been sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment. Young is a Scotsman, and unmarried.

The servant was a coolie girl aged 16, and according to the prosecution she was severely beaten with a cane in a bungalow. All members of the jury were Europeans.

AUSTRALIA

FINDINGS ON AIR FORCE CRASHES

Sydney. The report of the technical committee which has been inquiring into the recent Air Force crashes of Hawker Demon machines, obtained from Britain, was published to-day. Its conclusions have already been generally outlined by Mr. T. G. Murray, Minister for Defence, as reported in the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post on Jan. 11.

The members of the committee state that the machines were not defective and that their safety factor was equal to that of any service type.

CANADA

SIR HUBERT WILKINS' SEARCH

Montreal. Sir Hubert Wilkins, the explorer, took off from Edmonton, Alberta, to-day for Alaska to renew the search for the missing Soviet shipman, who disappeared in August, 1937, flying from Moscow to San Francisco. "Baby Race" Wilkins—Mr. Justice Middleton ruled to-day that the four mothers whose claims to a share in the estate of the £100,000 "baby race" will have been accepted must appear as defendants against two other mothers who are seeking a share of the fortune. These two are Mrs. Mathew Kenny and Mrs. Pauline Mac Clarke.

Drama of Belgian Congo

FIGHT TO SAVE AN INFANT

How a flying missionary, doctors, and the native male population of twelve villages combined in a dramatic effort to save the life of the on-year-old baby of a white man is told in a story which has just reached here from the Belgian Congo, writes the Daily Mail Brussels correspondent.

At Kankinge, in the depths of the bush, hundreds of miles from any civilised centre, is stationed M. Geurts, a Belgian agricultural expert.

He and his wife were grief-stricken when, towards the end of last month, they were told that the only hope for their baby, who was suffering from emphysema (an accumulation of pus in the lungs) was immediate transport by air to hospital at Leopoldville.

Father Bradford, the missionary, uses an aeroplane for travelling, but there was no landing ground anywhere near Kankinge.

AERODROME IN A NIGHT

Natives from the surrounding twelve villages were mobilised, and, while the majority were set to work on clearing a space in the bush, several of the younger ones were chosen as runners and sent off in all directions to find Father Bradford and bring him back.

All through the night they ran, and next morning the missionary, busily engaged in building a hangar for his machine at Nkolo, was surprised to see Father Lauwers, a colleague, come dashing up in a car.

At his post 50 miles away he had been informed by one of the runners of the baby's plight. Father Bradford flew off at once over the Banga Mountains to Luizi and on to Bandakani, where he alighted on his personally constructed aerodrome.

RUNNER AS GUIDE

There he met another runner, took him on board as guide, and finally arrived at Kankinge, where the natives had worked without respite to clear a landing space. From the air it looked very small, and twice the missionary-pilot touched ground with his machine, only to shoot up again for fear of crashing.

He had noticed, however, that part of the ground was undulated and decided to risk using the undulations as braking power. He succeeded in bringing the aeroplane to a stop less than a yard from mighty trees that would have smashed it.

With father, mother, and baby as passengers he made a safe take-off and reached the hospital at Leopoldville to hear the cheery news that there was every possibility of the baby pulling through.

Jawbone Lost To Science

Folsom Prison, Calif.

A prisoner who forgot to watch a boiling pot thereby lost for scientists an opportunity to determine what manner of prehistoric man lived on this site thousands of years ago.

When inmates excavating on the north side of the prison found embedded beneath a deep stratum of granite, in a layer of porous earth, a jawbone with fairly well preserved teeth, anthropologically minded students became excited.

They hurried to the library to pore over encyclopedias. They discussed the possibility that a valuable archaeological find had been made.

The jawbone, meanwhile, was sent to the cannery for cleaning and immersed in boiling water. Then it was forgotten for a time. When the attendant remembered to look the pot had boiled dry. Only dust remained.—United Press.

Phone Bridges 30-Year Gap

London. A gap of 30 years and 17,000 miles was bridged by telephone when William Marshall, of New Zealand, spoke to the 30-year-old brother he has never seen at Wallon-on-Thames.

WOMEN GOLFERS SHAME MEN

Sydney. Australian women golfers are fast outdoing the men—unless it happens to be flat luck instead of skill. During one afternoon's competition at the Manly Golf Club women players scored two holes-in-one.



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Television Is Still Distant

Philadelphia.

So many obstacles confront commercial television that it will be "many years" before home reproduction of voice and image will be a profitable industry, Sayre M. Ramsdell, vice president of Philco Radio and Television Corp. said here.

Ramsdell also promised a "head-ache" for pioneers who believe television will supplant radio in the home.

Ramsdell was replying directly to Vice President Charles P. Kettering of General Motors, who said recently that development of television as a popular luxury would provide for the United States an industrial prosperity as great as that produced by the automobile.

Instead, Ramsdell predicted, the Diesel engine now being developed by Kettering's own company may provide the next "glut" industry.

"Television is an off-shoot of the radio industry and never will supplant radio," Ramsdell said. "It may be somewhat of a displacement industry, but it must wait until its broadcasting range can match its receiver sets on a country-wide basis. This is far away.—United Press.

CHILD OUTDOES FIREMEN

Anacosta, Mont. The Biblical statement that "a little child shall lead them," was outside here by a 5-year-old boy. When efforts of the police and fire departments to remove a kitten perched on a 20-foot high-tension electric wire pole had failed, the child, merely said, "Kitty, kitty, kitty," and the kitten came down.

BOTH SOUTH CHINA TEAMS ENTER SHIELD FINAL

NAVY PLAYERS OUTCLASSED BY CHINESE "B"

CHAN TAK-FAI FINDS THE NET FOUR TIMES

(By "Abe")

Fielding the team which they did, the Navy had little hope of overcoming South China "B" in the semi-finals of the Senior Football Shield on the Club ground yesterday; outplayed in every department, the sailors were defeated by the lob-sided score of 7-1.

This victory by the Chinese thus ensures an all-South China final, the "A" team having beaten Middlesex the previous day.

For nearly 20 minutes, the Navy held South China in a firm grip. While they themselves seldom looked like scoring during this period, their defence kept the Chinese forwards at bay and refused to be beaten by the guiles of Chan Tak-fai and Co. But as soon as Lee Shek-yau opened the scoring, from a pass by Chan Tak-fai, the sailors' resistance crumbled, and for the remainder of the encounter, there was only one side in it.

Encouraged by their lead, the Chinese played splendid football. Every man rose to the occasion and they combined so effectively together that they completely succeeded in making the Navy team look second-rate.

Owing to the one-sidedness of the match, play was never really exciting, and the thrills which one would normally expect in a Shield semi-final encounter were lacking.

NOT FLATTERED

The score of 7-1 did not flatter the Chinese in the least. With a little more luck, they might have taken their total to double figures; four times in the course of the game, their forwards rattled either the bar or the posts after Pepper had been beaten. Chan Tak-fai alone hit the bar three times, bearing out my contention that he is probably the best and certainly the most unfortunate centre-forward in senior football in the Colony. Nevertheless, he managed to find the net on four occasions.

The greatest strength in the Chinese side lay in their inter-mediate line, where Lin Tak-po and his two wing-men, Leung In-chun and Tse Kam-hung, established such an ascendancy that few Navy attacks were allowed to become dangerous.

Lim Tak-po was in fine fettle throughout, and not only worked hard, but featured his play with splendid long passes to both wings.

With the number of passes which came their way, the Chinese forwards gave the Navy defenders a trying time. Chan Tak-fai as usual was a menace whenever he had the ball within shooting distance, and received fine support from every one of the line. The forwards were definitely at their best.

NAVY FORWARDS WEAK

In contrast to the Chinese, the Navy forwards were extremely weak and made a mess of every one of the opportunities which they had. Not one of the five knew where the

Chinese Forward's Deadly Shooting

The deadliness of Chan Tak-fai's marksmanship is shown by the fact that in the three matches played by South China "B" in the Senior Soccer Shield, he scored no fewer than nine goals.

South China "B" met the Seaforth Highlanders twice. The first game resulted in a draw of 1-1, and the Chinese goal was registered by Chan. In the return match he found the net four times and yesterday he scored four goals against the Navy.

The following is his record in Shield matches this season:

v. Seaforths 1

v. Seaforths 4

v. Navy 4

goal lay, and their solitary point, scored in the last two minutes of the game, came only when the Chinese were taking things rather easily. Had the sailors shown a little more method in their attacks, and had their inside forwards and the half-backs fed the two wings, Perkins and Paige, a little more, they might have given the Chinese a better fight; but the kicking throughout was very wild, and the propensity of some of the Navy men to send the ball out of the field would have done credit to even first-class rugger players.

The Chinese led 3-0 at half-time, the scorers being Lee Shek-yau, Ng Po-kul and Chan Tak-fai. In the second half, the Chinese added four more (Chan Tak-fai 3, Ng Po-kul 1), while Sutherland reduced the deficit for the Navy.

Several of the referee's decisions were unpopular with the spectators. I agree that a few were difficult to understand, especially on two occasions when the whistle was blown for off-side though the linesman did not signal.

Teams:—

Navy:—Pepper; Barrington, Marriott; Cairns, Swales, Robinson; Perkins, Sutherland, Altken, Kyles and Paige.

South China "B":—Tom Kwankon; Tay Kwai-hung, Lau Mau, Leung In-chun, Lim Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung; Yeung Shui-yick, Ng Po-kul, Chan Tak-fai, Lau Chung-sang, and Lee Shek-yau.



An incident in the Shield semi-final match between South China "B" and the Navy on the Club ground yesterday. Three Chinese defenders are keeping out two Navy forwards. Jumping for the ball are Kyle, the Navy inside left, and Tay Kwai-hung, the Chinese right back. South China won by seven goals to one. (Photo: Mee Cheun.)

Cricket Play-Off Degenerates Into Mere Mudlarking

(By "R. Abbit")

It was no doubt the fact that the Lawn Tennis Championships are being played which led to the decision to play off the game on Saturday last between Craigengower and the I.R.C. But it was rather an unfortunate one. As I had been awakened somewhere about half past five or six that morning by torrential rain I was amazed to hear that the game was on, although the weather had looked like improving in the fore-noon. But the ground was very wet and slipping, and buckets of sawdust became the order of the day.

The wicket, I was told, was difficult early on but improved later. The light was so bad that I had great difficulty in following the mud-coloured ball on the mud-coloured pitch. But I must say I did not see the ball pop up at all which it usually does when a spot develops. I rather fancy the difficulty was that some balls cut through quicker than others.

FAILURE AND RECOVERY

Minu raised the I.R.C. hopes high when he bowled F. K. Lee with the last ball of his first over and it looked as if his policy of putting Craigengower in was going to pay. But Ernie Zimmermann after his usual shaky start got going and put up an excellent stand with A. R. Esmail. It was closed by a bit of bad luck, for Zimmermann played a ball from Kitchell on to his pad and it rolled thence into the wicket. Fifty-five runs had been put on of which the batsman claimed twenty-four. Further disaster was to follow as after raising the total by one run only F. R. Zimmermann was bowled by Minu (56-3-1) and the runs had taken 54 minutes to get. It must be remembered, however, that the light was bad and the turf so heavy that it needed a very hard hit to get the ball to the boundary. With Souza in, Esmail continued to play well though on one occasion he might have been caught had a catch not been misjudged.

To make things more unpleasant drizzle started to fall and I think that Esmail must have lost sight of the ball off which he was l.b.w. It was a long hop from Minu and he had previously sent a similar one to the tent for four, but this time when he stepped into his wicket he missed the ball completely. (7-4-20)

In the meantime Souza had been digging himself in and played sound cricket. He was lucky the match had been erected as M. el Arculli would have had an easy catch at long-off from one of Madar's. He did well, as it was to get his hand to it at all.

FIELD WELL-PLACED

At 78 A. M. Rumjahn came on at the Law Courts and in place of Madar. Minu had his field excellently set and with excellent ground fielding the Craigengower batsmen found it hard to score. Four runs later Souza lashed out at Rumjahn and mid-on put down a catch which was not easy. The light was appalling and more than once out-fielders started the wrong way for the ball. After an hour and a half's play 88 runs had been scored when Minu knocked Tinker Lee's leg stump out of the ground 88-8-0.

An I.R.C. victory seemed likely as Rapley was a bit shaky. Rumjahn did everything but bowl him with one which went for four byes, and then came a nice four to square leg 100 runs had been scored in 100 minutes when A. R. Abbas went on for Rumjahn and Souza hit his fifth

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stand, of the I.R.C. wicket-keeper) came in, but at the same time Hanson lashed out at Abbas and sided the ball and the bowler took the catch very easily. The batsmen had crossed and Esmail cracked the next ball, a rank full toss, to the long leg boundary.

Minu took one over from the Law Courts end but Esmail hooked his short ball for four and glanced a single. Next over however Madar dropped a toe yorker on to him and he was l.b.w.—110-9-0. Minu then put Abbas on again and his first ball bowled Hong Sling. The innings closed at 4.17 for 119 runs which was a poor score but in view of the light not desperate.

Minu managed his bowling, excellently, and was well advised to

U.S. Wants Olympiad Date Advanced

Calif., Mar. 10. Mr. Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympiad Committee, to-day said the committee would launch a campaign immediately to persuade Japan to hold the 1940 Olympic Games in August, as originally planned, instead of retarding the opening date a month. The international committee which met here this week agreed to the Japanese proposal for delaying the games, on account of unfavourable weather which might be expected in Japan in August.

Mr. Brundage said to-day that the committee would meet again in London in June, 1939, when the American proposal to restore the original schedule would be presented formally, but he admitted it might then be too late to do anything about the matter.

American sports authorities opposed the change to later dates because it entailed greater interference with the scholastic work of college athletes.—United Press.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESUMES

Provided no rain falls during the day, the Colony Tennis Championships, which were held up for the whole of last week, will resume this afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Club.

An interesting programme of three matches in the open singles and two in the open doubles has been arranged by the Committee.

The stand court will be used for the first time in a doubles tie, will be opposed by A. V. Gosano and S. V. Remedios, the leading Recreio combination. The Tait brothers will probably prove too good though on their day Gosano and Remedios are quite a useful pair.

The only other doubles match will be that between F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, of the Chinese R.C., and J. W. Leonard and G. Choo, of the Craigengower C.C. This should prove an even fight.

One of the three singles ties to-day is that long-delayed game between H. Owen Hughes and S. S. Hussain. J. A. H. Douglass will contest with W. Sander the right to enter the third round, where Tsui Wal-pui awaits the winner. The most interesting of the three will undoubtedly be the clash between Lee Wal-long and Wong Shiu-wing, both of the Chinese R.C.

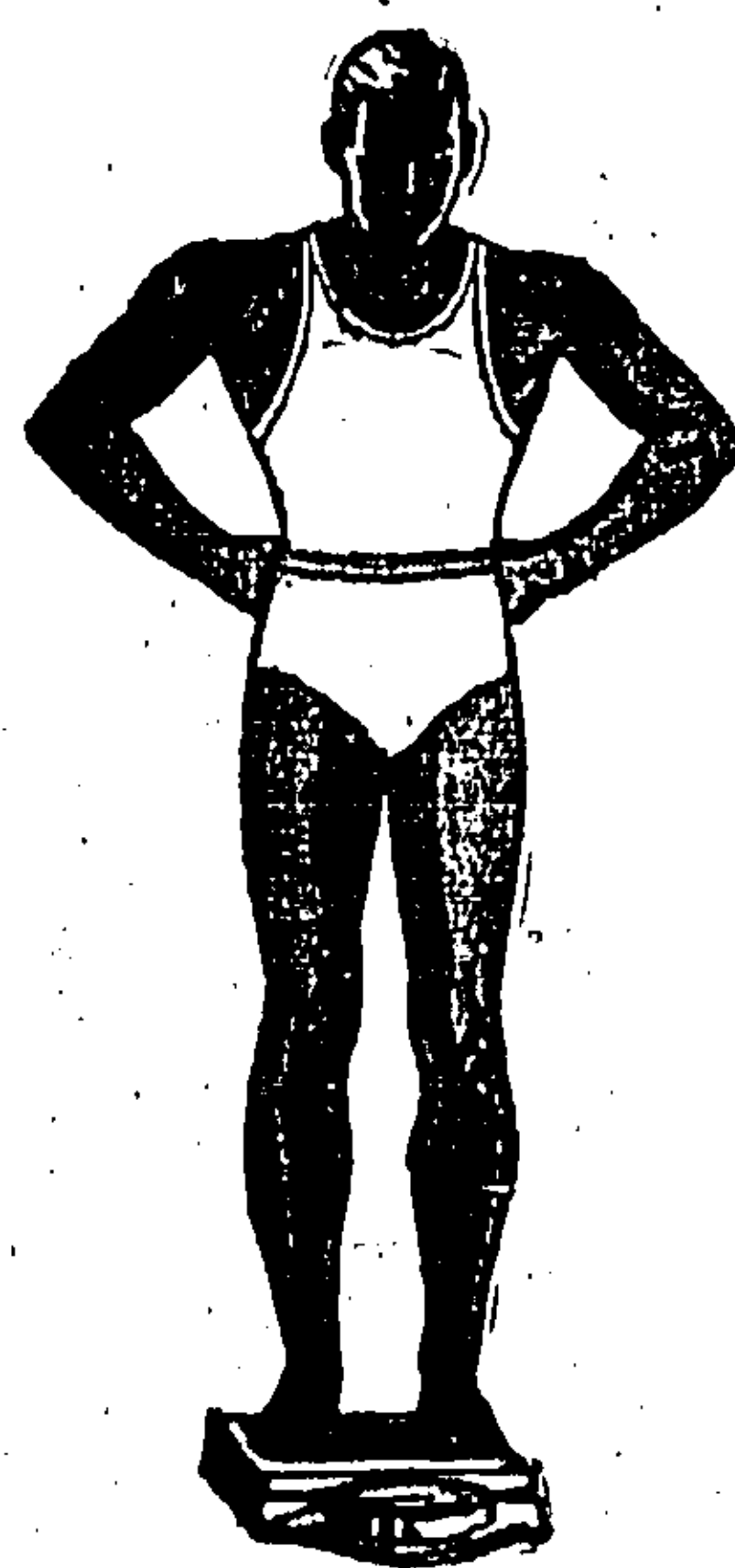
The programme is as follows: Open Singles.—J. A. H. Douglass v. W. Sander; Lee Wal-long v. Wong Shiu-wing; S. S. Hussain v. H. Owen Hughes.

Open Doubles.—Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios (stand court); F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. J. W. Leonard and George Choo.

ball from Zimmermann. An over later Kitchell hooked the same bowler to the mid-wicket boundary and the 10 was hoisted after a quarter of an hour's play. Just after a beautiful ball from Billmorin bowled Kitchell 10-2-5. Madar came in and I-mall hit another four to long leg off Zimmermann but the rain was coming down quite heavily and the umpires very wisely stopped play. Five minutes later the game was abandoned.

SPECULATION IDLE

I think it is idle to speculate which side would have won. In my opinion the light was unfit for play for the whole of the short I.R.C. spell of batting and for a good deal of the Craigengower innings. I am most profoundly thankful that there was no decision in a game which never should have been played. I must sincerely hope too that the game will be played off if possible next Saturday. If the Club ground is not available I feel sure that K.C.C. or the Navy would come to the rescue with their usual generosity. Personally it would be a great treat to me to watch the game at K.C.C. where the wicket is always—a nearly always—an excellent one. In a play off such as this, naturally the desideratum is the set of circumstances when weather, pitch and light are of equal help to both the parties.



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More people are working than at any time for the past seven years;

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Taxable income of companies increased by 10 per cent.;

Assessable incomes of individuals rose from £47,200,000 to £53,500,000;

More than 103,000 persons are in receipt of higher pensions than ever before, and the number of pensioners has been increased by 30,000.

First Budget showed a surplus, and figures for the half year just ended, with revenue two millions above expectations and expenditure three millions below the estimates, assure another balanced Budget.

It is good to see a Government which, while bearing its fair share of the cost of Empire rearmament, can still find money for profitable public works.

We have been spared the disgrace of the Distressed Areas. Roads, bridges, railways, houses for the workers are being built under the direction of the State.

Unemployment has been reduced by two thirds; factories are working overtime, unable to cope with the rush of orders; wages are good and the business man is benefiting from the spending of those wages; farmers, under the guaranteed price, are enjoying a stable prosperity such as they have never known before.

Called in to deal with a sick State, Labour's first action on assuming office was to tackle the evil of unemployment. The slump, intensified by wage cuts, stoppage of public works and general retrenchment, had brought the total of workless to an admitted 80,000 and a probable 100,000. Relief payments were sadly inadequate.

LABOUR at once distributed an emergency bonus of £270,000 and made a general increase in relief wages. The rate for a single man jumped from 17s. to 21s. 6d., and proportionate increases were made for married men, those with seven children receiving an increase of £1 a week over the previous rate of £2 7s.

Sustenance payments—equivalent of the English unemployment pay—were similarly raised, till the smallest sum an unemployed single man could receive was £1 a week, as compared with 14s. under the previous Government.

A £6,000,000 public works scheme absorbed many of the unemployed, and the State placement service, which was established to act as a liaison officer between the unemployed and the private employer, effected amazing results, work being found for no fewer than 17,000 men in the first six months.

Latest figures show that Labour has reduced the slump total of 80,000 workless to about 30,000. And daily the number is being further reduced.

The unemployed were not the



The sheep farmer, backbone of the country, is guaranteed both security of tenure and stability of income.

Where Wages Go Up and Up!

by Douglas Stewart

only section of the needy to be assisted. Pensions had been drastically reduced during the depression, and Labour at once raised the old-age allowances to £1 weekly, and later to £1 2s. 6d.

The age at which women became entitled to receive pensions was lowered from 65 to 60 years, and widows' pensions were fixed at £1 weekly, rising to a maximum of £4 10s. depending on the number of children. Pensions were granted to deserted wives, and the wives of mental defectives, invalids, miners and returned soldiers all received larger allowances.

SOCIAL legislation was continued by the passing of a Fair Rents Act, and this year, under the direction of novelist J. A. Lee, M.P., more than 2,000 houses have been built for the workers. Many more will be erected in the next few months.

National health insurance and superannuation schemes will be before Parliament shortly after Christmas, and under them the workers will be free from the insecurity which haunts them under capitalism.

Educational reforms—some already effected and some set down for the present session—the estab-

lishment of a national council for the encouragement of sport, State control of broadcasting and the promised institution of a national conservatorium of the arts, show that the Government has not forgotten the people's need for culture and recreation.

Of Labour's industrial reforms, nothing aroused more interest overseas or more excitement in New Zealand than the introduction of the 40-hour week.

The Government, wisely, did not attempt to enforce it immediately in all trades, but left it to the Arbitration Court to institute it where possible.

The almost universal adoption of the 40-hour standard is certain to come, however, and this, together with the introduction of a Dominion-wide Saturday whole holiday, which the Government is encouraging, but not enforcing, is ameliorating the lot of the people.

New Zealand, with its sunny climate and its unlimited opportunities for sport, is the ideal country for the long week-end.

THE restoration of salary cuts, the raising of award wages everywhere, the fixing of a basic wage of £3 12s. 6d. for all males over 21 years of age, and of £1 12s. 6d. for all females over 21, have been acts which have won the approval of all workers and the hostility of some employers.

The business community, however, is benefiting enormously from the increase in purchasing power, and wages, in any case, are not higher than were paid by decent employers before the awards were enforced. Some dairy farmers, for instance, have complained because the Government has fixed the minimum wages for adult farm labourers at £2 2s. 6d. weekly, inclusive of board and lodging.

But a dairy farmer worthy of the name in New Zealand has always paid his man as much as

that. The Farmers' Union agreed to the wage.

The dairy farmer, on the success or failure of whose operations New Zealand stands or falls, has been the subject of a great deal of legislation. Exaggerated land values, implying mortgage commitments impossible to meet in normal years, were the price New Zealand paid for the boom that began in the war years when butterfat prices soared to 2s. 6d. a pound.

DURING the slump, when the price fell to 6d., it was said that 70 per cent. of the farmers were virtually bankrupt, and Labour's first step was to undertake the huge task of restoring land values to their proper level by the readjustment of mortgages throughout the country.

That done, the farmer was given a guaranteed price for his produce, so that to-day he has both security of tenure and stability of income.

From the State's point of view the scheme has worked satisfactorily: last year there was a deficit of £650,000, but at present market prices are above the guaranteed price of 13½d., and the account should be more than balanced.

It is worth emphasising again that Labour is balancing its budgets. Fundamentally, the New Zealander is as canny as the Scot, and it is on the soundness or otherwise of its finances that the Government will be judged.

It is the triumph of the New Zealand Labour Government to have demonstrated to "working class" and to "middle class" alike that their interests are one, and that Socialism pays.

Human nature being what it is, there could be no better basis for the Socialist ideal of brotherhood, and Labour has achieved a sociological as well as a practical triumph. Untying the classes is the simplest way of abolishing class distinction, and Labour in New Zealand really has gone a very long way towards the attainment of that ideal.

SERIAL Tovoravich

Adapted From The Warner Bros. Film Chapter IV

"You've been a Chamberlain and a Lady-in-waiting—and so why should we not be a Butler and a Maid?"

"But that was in Petersburg, darling—for the Czars—but still for the Czars!"

"My sainted darling!" cried Mikail enthusiastically, as the possibility dawned on him, "I believe you are right! I know we could do it!"

"Certainly, my pigeon! Don't you remember me doing the fair hair of Her Imperial Highness, . . . fetching her gloves and . . ."

"And I see myself again . . ."

Mikail broke in, "throwing open the windows of the Imperial Chamber, and announcing, 'Majesty, this morning there is snow!'"

Tatiana hopped from the bed where she had been dancing and ran to him clapping her small hands ecstatically. "We were good servants then," he said, "we will be good servants again!"

"Absolutely, my pigeon! But what about references?"

"We must provide them at once! Sit down and write!" they did so.

They set forth in high spirits—the Russian colours about Tatiana's neck as a scarf—the sword of Alexander II tucked inside Mikail's trouser-leg—the "want ad" and the references safely put away!

The landlord tried to waylay them but again they evaded him.

M. et Madame Dupont might well have advertised for a butler and a maid! Their home was in wild commotion—only old Louise the cook—doing duty as butler, parlourmaid and general factotum!

Madame needed her hair dressed! Monsieur Charles had lost a shoe! Bells were ringing, buzzing, telephones shrilling and doors banging!

In short, it was a mad house!

Monsieur coming out from under the bed where he had been looking for the shoe, announced dolefully that he had the worst headache of his lifetime! Madame Fernande threw up her hands. "If it isn't one end of you that's in trouble Charles," she cried "it's the other! And to-night it's both! We shall never get to M. Chausseur-Dubief's house for dinner!"

At this moment Louise announced the applicants for the positions.

Tatiana and Mikail advanced a few steps into the room, he doing his best to conceal the sword. "Sir—Madame!" he said with a stiff bow, to which Tatiana added an extremely agreeable, "Good evening."

"Who were your previous employers?"

"His Excellency, General Prince Ouratoff, and his wife."

said Mikail proudly. "No!" added Tatiana with fine dignity. "Her Imperial Highness, the Grand Duchess Tatiana Petrovna . . . and her consort!"

"When can you come to us? We are in a great hurry!"

"We too, I mean . . . we could arrange to start . . . let us say . . . to-night!"

"Your luggage?"

"It has . . . er . . . ceased to exist, madame . . ."

"We have the clothes of your predecessors . . . They may not fit."

"We shall be proud to adjust ourselves, madame," murmured Tatiana sweetly.

"There are four of us here . . . My husband and myself and our really quite grown-up children, Mademoiselle Helene and Monsieur Georges!"

The questioning finally ended and the deal was consummated. Tatiana was set to arranging Madame's hair, Mikail to hunting Monsieur's shoe! Georges wanted his tie pressed! Helene wanted her gown hooked! All four wanted the same thing at the same moment! Then a shriek from Helene: "Fifi is lost!"

Madame went into a frenzy! Her darling Fekhesel! He must be found! Her life will be shattered! Tatiana must look for the darling!

Mikail must look! What does the dinner matter! The lost shoe! What does anything matter! If Fifi is not found within five minutes butler and maid will be fired! Tatiana was almost in tears at the prospect! But within a split second of the deadline—lost Fifi with the shoe in her mouth!

Delight followed despair! The new servants were marvelous! Mikail offered to telephone to M. Chausseur-Dubief, of the Bank of France that the Duponts would be on hand! They wondered how he knew so great a man! At last Monsieur and Madame were off to the dinner! Georges and Helene upstairs . . . and Tatiana and Mikail in their room. "It is," sighed Tatiana, "Paradise!" From their window they could see the cross of a Russian Church and the bells were ringing. "God be praised," said Mikail, "especially for the bed!"

Loud knocking at their door, disclosed young Georges with fencing foils, mask and gloves. "I want you to clean these spears," he said curtly. "I'm using them to-night and I'm late!" When Helene came down with her guitar later, she was amazed to see Georges and Mikail fencing with terrific gusto!

Later there were cocktails of Tatiana's mixing in the kitchen—music of Tatiana's making on the guitar—wild Russian songs in which all joined and much talk of a certain Russian night club (not named) . . . Not a Bolshevik place where the comrades halled each other as "Tovorich," but a gathering place of the aristocratic refugees—the White Russians! The butler and maid might be going the next night possibly—just to look on! Georges and Helene slumped at each other, knowing fully . . .

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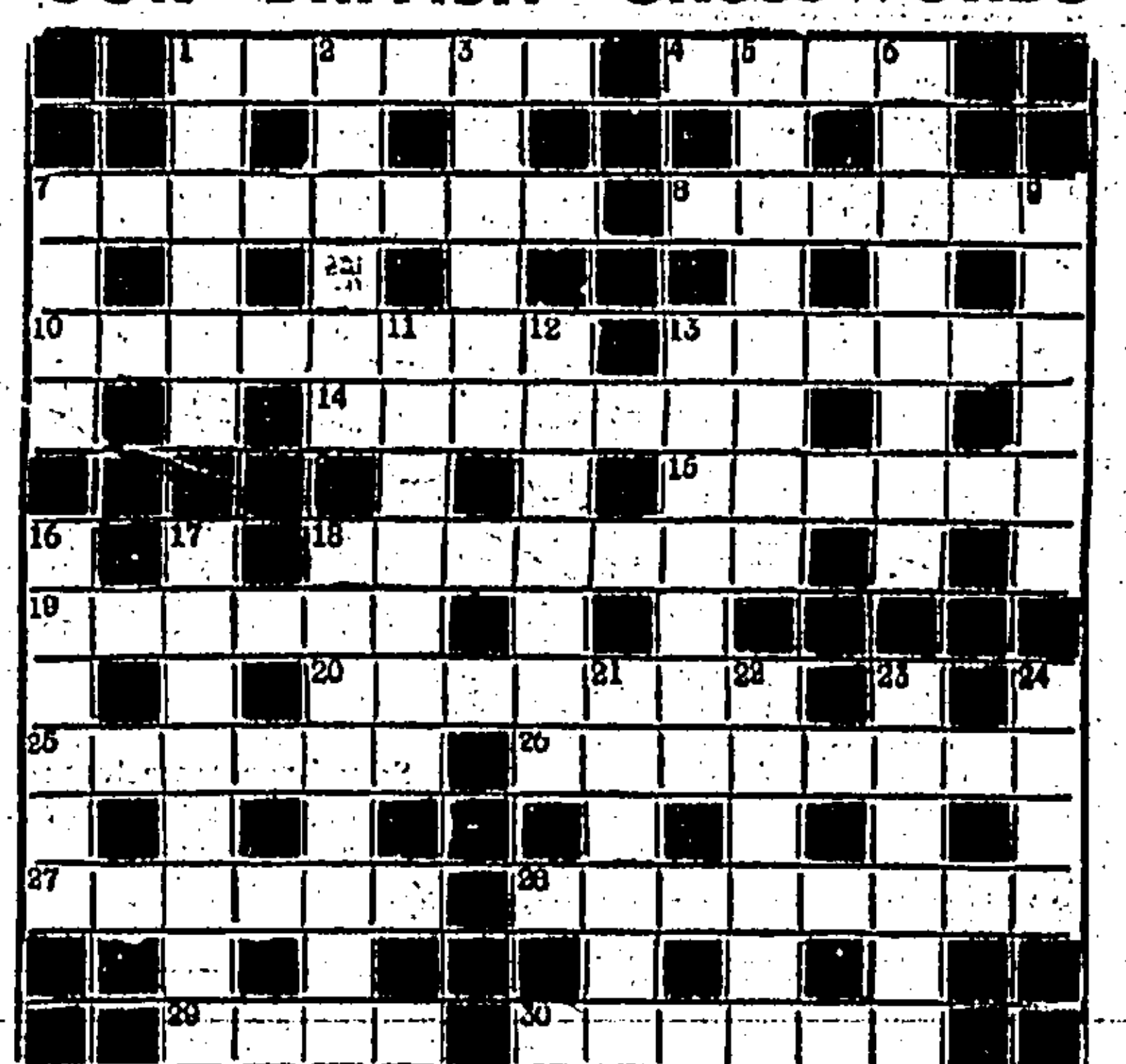
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The Roman Catholic bishops of Austria, headed by Cardinal Innitzer, to-day issued a solemn declaration pledging support to the German Reich.

The declaration expressed the conviction that National-Socialism averted the danger of the all-destroying and godless Bolshevism.

The declaration, which was read in all churches, concludes: "On the day of the plebiscite we expect all faithful Christians to show a sense of debt to their race."—Reuter.

CHINESE ATTACK ON LONG FRONT

(Continued from Page 1.)

Taiwenkou in the north to Tenghsien in the south, a distance of fully 100 kilometres, the Japanese are holding a precarious foothold at a number of places, the line having been cut at numerous points by Chinese forces who forced a crossing of the Grand Canal by west Shantung and are threatening the invaders by sweeping flanking movements.

A strong detachment of Chinese troops is known to have occupied the north-west suburbs of Yenchow, midway between Taiwenkou and Tungshien, while other Chinese units are actively harassing the Japanese at both Taiwenkou and Linghsien, 20 kilometres north of Tenghsien.

Anticipate Big Victory

Heavy fighting raged throughout yesterday at number of points along the railway where the Chinese forces were effectively supported by artillery and tanks.

The Chinese authorities confidently expect to inflict a heavy reverse for the Japanese invaders who have penetrated deep along the railway south of the Yellow River.

The Japanese forces, concentrating their main strength on the Lincheng-Tsaochwang section of the railway with the intention of crushing the Chinese forces, are meeting with stiff resistance from the crack divisions under General Tang En-po.

In the vicinity of Hanchwang, where the Chinese troops have staged a number of night raids with great success, the Japanese forces have dug in to the north-west of the railway station in anticipation of renewed Chinese attacks.—Central News.

Chinese Still Attack

Shanghai, March 27.
Heavy fighting is still going on along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to-day where Chinese forces are attacking Lincheng and Tungshien, about 50 miles north of Hsuehchow. On the branch line east of the railway, the Japanese evacuated Yinhsien.

Chinese units are reported to be approaching Yenchow, farther up the railway, while another report stated that Chinese troops crossed the Taiwen River and will advance to attack Taiwan, 50 miles south of Tsinan.—International.

Ready To Retreat

Hankow, Mar. 27.
Japanese warplanes subjected the Chinese forces enveloping Yenchow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 120 miles south of Tsinan, to heavy bombing yesterday but failed to lift the siege.

The defenders of Yenchow took up their position in the banks of the Szechui River, which passes the southern outskirts of the city. Chinese units resumed onslaughts on the town this morning. Simultaneously other Chinese units on the left wing co-ordinated by attacking Tsinan, on the branch line, and Chihaiang, west of Tsinan. As a sign that the Japanese resistance is weakening, the headquarters at Yenchow is ready for removal to Tsinan.—International.

Japanese Dig In

Hsuehchow, Mar. 27.
Fighting at Linhuikwan, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway south of Pengpu, was renewed to-day, as large numbers of Chinese irregulars and mobile units attacked Japanese outposts. Extensive harassing of the enemy is under way. Japanese detachments in the north sections of the railway being unable to come south as reinforcements.

Indicating that they are on the defensive, the Japanese at Fengyang, east of Linhuikwan, are constructing new trenches and other defensive works as well as installing anti-aircraft guns. The highway between Fengyang and Tingyuan, which is used for military transportation, is patrolled day and night by armoured cars, tanks and cavalry units.

The Japanese are making every effort to defend Yenchow, as their reverses in Shantung may lead to Chinese counter-offensive on the south sections of the railway.—International.

Comparative Man-Power

Lanchow, Mar. 28.
More than 90 divisions of Chinese troops, possibly numbering 700,000 men, are at present stretched across a defence line running from Anhwei in the north to Shantung in the west, and across Lungshai to Kiangsu. Seventy divisions are in the front line, and about 20 of them are actually engaged in fighting.

Forty thousand Chinese reinforcements have been sent to Shensi.

The Japanese line is from Hanchow to Paochow, and Chinese

AIR-MAIL DUE TO-MORROW

No air mail is due from England to-day. The usual delivery was made on Sunday.

The Daedalus is expected in Hongkong to-morrow morning and as this is an extra trip to get back to schedule again, the machine may bring some mail with her. This would be delivered to-morrow as an extra mail.

Capt. R. G. Ballantyne, best known of Imperial Airways pilots in the Far East, is on his way home on leave. Capt. Ballantyne has the longest record of regular service on the Far East run of any of the company's pilots and, after flying over the Penang-Hongkong route for over a year, he had the job of surveying the present run between Bangkok and Hongkong.

MORE PAY FOR BRITISH TROOPS

Increases in pay varying from a minimum of threepence per day, will be granted to all soldiers serving in Hongkong, who enlisted after October, 1935.

Infantry units are principally affected by the new scales, which will be announced shortly in a special issue of Army Orders.

Purpose of the increases is, it is believed, to bring the pay of these later recruits into line with those who joined prior to October, 1935.

TRIAL GAMES ARRANGED

To assist in the selection of teams to oppose the Brawn Cup and Caer Clark Cup champions, the following have been selected to take part in two trial hockey matches at King's Park, to-day and to-morrow:

Junior "Rest" Trial
To-day at the C.B.A. ground, 5.15 p.m.

Whites.—Miss J. Hall (Saints), Miss J. Broadbridge (Saints), Miss O. Botelho (Recreio), Miss Silva (Recreio), Mrs. Gunby (Seaforths), Miss Lawson (Saints), Miss V. Charn (Saints), Miss E. Ho (Saints), Miss V. Bradbury ("Y"), Miss S. Roberts (Saints), Miss M. Remedios (Recreio), Miss M. Hill (C.B.A.), Miss Slater ("Y"), Miss Marie Roza (Saints), Miss E. Woolley (C.B.A.), Miss E. Watson (C.B.S.).

Colours.—Miss Z. Barros (Recreio), Miss A. Ambrose ("Y"), Mrs. McLeod (Seaforths), Mrs. Clarke (C.B.A.), Miss P. Everest (C.B.A.), Miss F. Fowler ("Y"), Miss P. Goncalves (Recreio), Miss B. Grieves (Saints), Miss I. Buchanan ("Y"), Miss J. Ewing (C.B.S.), Miss M. McAlpine (C.B.A.), Miss M. Roza (Recreio), Miss H. Sanger (C.B.S.), Mrs. Williams ("Y"), Mrs. Ackroyd (Seaforths), Miss M. Churn (Saints), Miss K. Winch (C.B.A.), Miss A. Alves (Recreio), Miss E. Hunt (C.B.A.).

Senior "Rest" Trial
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estimates put the number of men holding it at 500,000, which, it is claimed, is inadequate to protect such a long line.

In a counter attack, General Chang Tze-chung and General Pang Ping-shun, commanding the troops in Eastern Shantung, aided the Shansi Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, the Japanese being unable to switch their troops or mass their strength.

The so-called new army, which consists of replenished and expanded Shanghai divisions, is ready, under the command of General Hu Chang-pam, Shanghai's most successful commander, and it is expected it will shortly be sent to partially replace the present front line fighters.

North Of Yangtze

Commands of the only existing fighting forces north of the Yangtze, are at present vested in General Li Chung-jen, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and General Wei Li-huang, in Shansi, the latter leading the Eighth Route Army against whom he once fought.

The northern section of the Peiping-Hankow railway front is almost empty of Japanese troops, and some high commanders have advocated the dispatch of a very large Chinese force to this area.

However, it is indicated that the highest command is still waiting, and is not willing yet to gamble on a swift manoeuvre in the offensive towards Tientsin.—United Press.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Dead End" (King's Theatre, to-day).—As only to be expected of any work of Mr. Samuel Goldwyn's, this is an intelligent picture, carefully written, highly polished, and well up in the top half of the year's production. It is the story of a frustrated people in a foul cul-de-sac down by New York's East River; the ragged boys who live like wharf-rats, stealing and hiding, bullying and swimming. The film has all the qualities of honest intention.

"Tovarich" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day).—Princes in the pantry have always meant money in the box-office, and this film, with an exiled Grand Duchess turning down the beds and her consort serving the cocktails to the Paris bourgeoisie, is likely to be enormously popular. It is a spirited piece, with a laugh approximately every thirty seconds. Claudette Colbert, Charles Boyer and Basil Rathbone have the leading roles.

"The Perfect Specimen" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—A young man (Errol Flynn), having led a sheltered life under the wings of his grandmother, finds the outside world not quite the same as he has been taught to believe. Complications arise when he meets the girl (Joan Blondell). It is light entertainment with plenty of laughs.

"Public Enemy's Wife" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A powerful drama in which G-Men figure in the romance of a girl who had been unjustly put in prison. Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay have the leading parts, supported by Armstrong and Cesar Romero.

STOP PRESS

MANY JAPANESE AT TSAOCHWANG SLAIN

Hsuehchow, March 28.
The recapture of Tsoachwang early yesterday morning by crack Chinese troops under the command of General Tang En-po was confirmed in military reports reaching here to-day. General Tang personally led his troops, at the end of which half of the Japanese forces, numbering 3,000 were killed and wounded, and the rest scattered in complete disorder.

More than thirty Japanese officers and men were captured, two light machine-guns seized, and five tanks damaged.—Central News.

CHINESE APPROACH TSINING

Hsuehchow, Mar. 28.
Chinese troops operating in west Shantung have recaptured Pingtientsin, ten kilometres north-east of Tsinan.

Anchuehchen, a small town between and commanding Tsinan and Kinsiang, is under fierce attack by the Chinese forces.—Central News.

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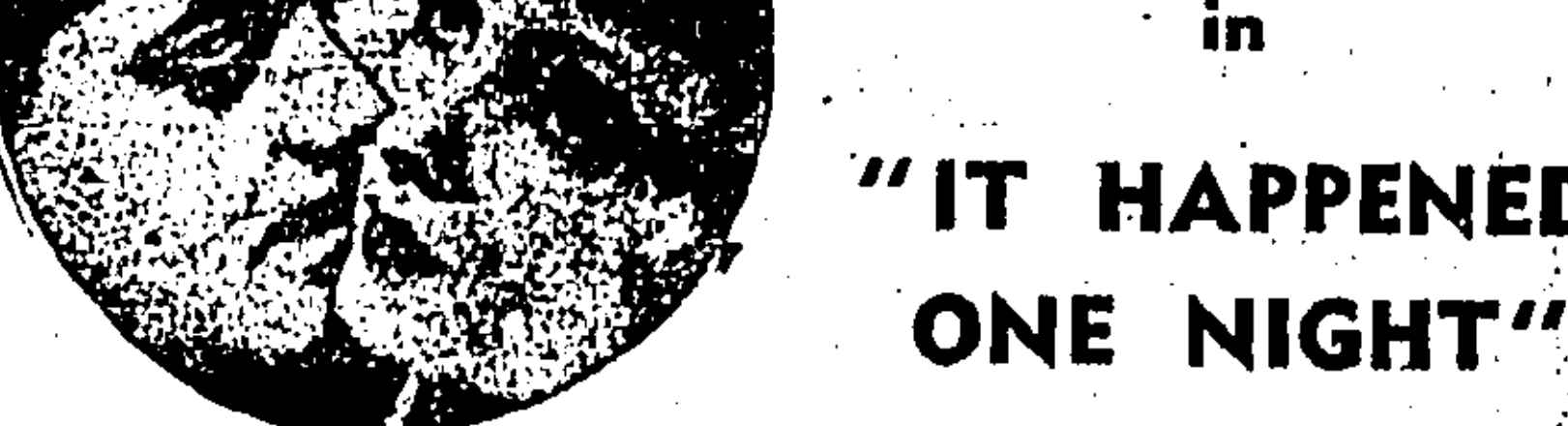
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Chamberlain Criticised
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London, Mar. 25.

The National Council of Labour has issued a statement on the Prime Minister's House of Commons declaration yesterday on the Government's attitude as affected by the recent events in Europe. It asserts that the declaration discloses no constructive policy for appeasement in Europe or for the prevention of war. It calls for an immediate meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations and for special consideration by European members, particularly France, Great Britain and Russia of the measures to bring about peace to Central Europe.

Such conviction of the Assembly it argues, would reassure smaller nations that collective security would be made a reality. The Labour statement also renews the demand for the raising of the Embargo on the supply of arms to the Spanish Government. Finally the Government's attitude is described as showing a cynical disregard of the need for a common defence of democracy and as liable to lead the United Kingdom into a position of perilous isolation and an appeal is made to the electors to rally to the Labour movement in support of the security of the country and of international law and order, and peace and democracy.—British Wireless.

The National Labour Council says that the continuance in office of Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his Government is a grave menace to the peace of Europe, adds United Press.

ALL EUROPE PLEASED

London, Mar. 25.

Newspapers print messages from correspondents in European capitals showing the widespread interest aroused by the Prime Minister's statement yesterday. The United Press.

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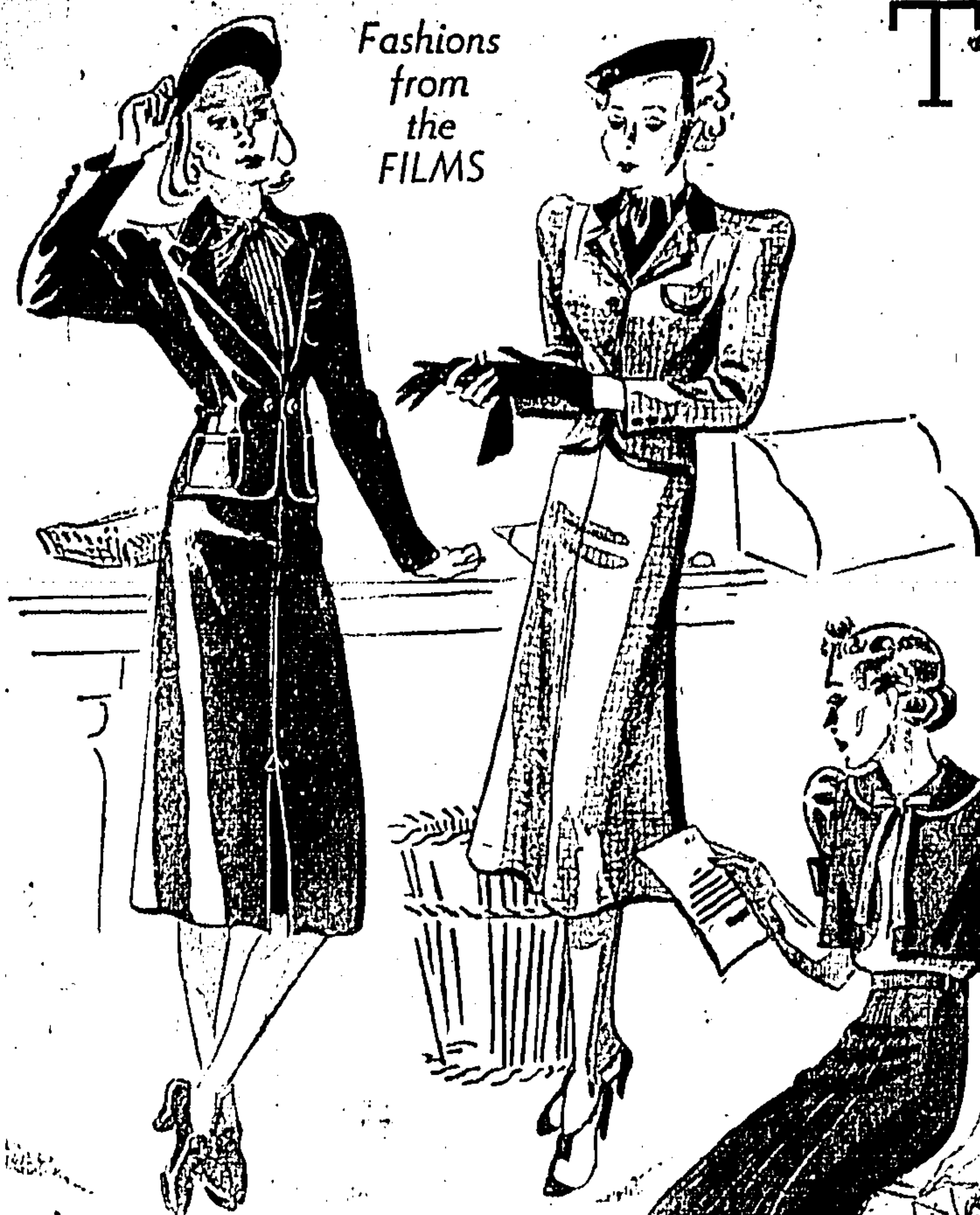
Accused of Capitulation
Before Forces of War

Moscow, Mar. 26.

The Izvestia assaults the British foreign policy as "a capitulation before the forces of war." The paper says that Mr. Chamberlain "apparently wants to delay the struggle against the forces of war until he considers the British armament programme completed; but the aggressor does not intend to wait for this moment. Mr. Chamberlain knows this better than anyone."

Mr. Chamberlain's rejection of the proposed conference against aggression also represents capitulation to the dictators. He acknowledges that Europe is on the eve of a German war against Czechoslovakian independence in which France will inevitably be drawn, but Mr. Chamberlain proposes to leave Czechoslovakia to the aggressor and desertion by the Prime Minister's statement yesterday. The United Press.

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"Nan Grey"

"Barbara Reed"

"Deanna Durbin"

Three outfits for spring - Nan Grey's tailored suit, another from Barbara Reed's wardrobe. A jaunty little bolero is Deanna's choice.

THREE SMART GIRLS

"SWEET SIXTEEN" is going to have a good time with her new spring clothes! Maybe she is just starting in an office, and wondering whether to wear a dress and top coat or a suit with a smart little blouse. Naturally, she wants to look as nice as possible, but mother is "thumbs down" on anything too fashionable, and she's quite right! Look at these sketches of the "Three Smart Girls," stars of the silver screen. Deanna Durbin, Nan Grey and Barbara Reed. Could anything be more attractive, as well as practical, than their outfits?

On the left, is Nan Grey's selection, and she is first in the field with smaller revers on her tailored suit. Fastening with link buttons, the coat boasts three pockets.

The skirt is simple of line with just a useful inverted pleat back and front. Size 16-18 years takes 2½ yds. 54in. wool, 1½ yds. 36in. lining. The other size available will fit 18-20 years.

Velvet collar and braid trimming are Barbara Reed's choice on her tailored suit. This is a style that will suit a slim girl.

The coat has an attractive high-buttoned front, and is finished with a little purse flap pocket. Top of sleeves squared to give a smart tailored look to shoulders that are inclined to slope.

For size 16-18 you require 3½ yds. 54in. wool and 1 yd. 64in. contrast, 1½ yds. 36in. lining, 2½ yds. 4in. braid, and of course there is a pattern size for 18-20 years.

"Why always a coat and skirt?" says Deanna Durbin, "youth likes variety," and she chooses a jaunty little bolero dress, pattern No. 1124, with turn-down Peter Pan collar, and neat cuffs.

As you may want to wear this style to the office, I must tell you that for long sleeves you will need an extra three-quarters of a yard of fabric.

With short sleeves as shown in the sketch, size 16-18 years takes 3½ yds. 36in. fabric, and 2 yds. 36in. contrast. The other size available is 18-20 years.

TEARS CAN BE BEAUTIFIERS

EVERY woman is of the opinion that there is nothing quite so disfiguring as weeping, but an American beauty specialist now comes forward with the consoling information that crying is an ideal tonic for the face! Not only have the tears themselves excellent chemical properties which are beneficial for the skin, but the action of crying puts to work diverse muscles, giving the face an excellent massage.

Like all other beautifiers, however, you can have too much of a good thing, and the learned specialist tempers his advice by adding that this treatment should not be indulged in haphazardly, and should be followed only under the advice of a doctor!

A NEW RECIPE FOR CHESTNUT SOUFFLE

TAKE three eggs, salt, sugar and a pound of good chestnuts. The chestnuts should be boiled until tender, drained, then allow to dry slightly on a baking sheet in a cool oven, this makes the skins easier to remove. Take off the inner skins as well. Mash, then sieve the nuts, sweeten them and add the beaten yolks of eggs. Whip the mixture stiffly, then fold these carefully into the rest. Turn the mixture into a soufflé case, and bake in a moderate oven, till set. Serve with cream.



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For happy marriage there must be two kinds of love. There must be the spiritual, or, if you like, mental, love that grows from the earliest home ties and extends with time to the outer world.

And there is the kind of physical or personality attraction that a girl feels towards the boys whom she has teased and ragged hitherto, because she has been really afraid of her slowly awakening femininity.

Father's jealousy

If you have unwittingly hindered her in her development-centred your own life too much in hers, or if her father has held her affections too jealously to himself—it is more difficult for her to reach an emotional maturity, and more difficult for you to accept the situation when she does.

But if you can realise these things and have built your own lives in such a way that they will not seem empty when she has left you will be able to face the new circumstances. You will have faith to let your child find for herself if she and her future partner have made the right choice of emotionally grown-up young people.

How she has grown

YOU looked after her when she was tiny and helpless. Her own first interest when she grew past the stage of discovering her toes, her fists, and her hair (for at first a baby understands nothing that is not a part of itself) was the mother who attended to all her needs.

There was her father, too, but she did not in early childhood realise all his responsibilities.

In the meantime there was the second stage in your daughter's development—one of contemporary friendships at school.

Of course you knew and, indeed, hoped that your daughter would fall in love sooner or later. But perhaps it has come "sooner," and you and her father are finding yourselves disturbed by a dozen objections and anxieties.

She is too young, or his "prospects" are not good enough, or your own health will feel an added strain if she leaves you.

Too much dependence

YOUNG people see only the possibilities of the future. Old people see—perhaps too clearly—the difficulties that only may be!

You hardly realised until now how much you had grown to weave your life round hers.

Or maybe it is her father who is feeling the situation most acutely, almost looking on the young man as an intruder.

HOME HINTS

SUET will not stick to the knife when it is chopped if a little ground rice is sprinkled over it. Add a few drops of lemon juice to rice while it is cooking. This not only whitens the rice, but separates the grains.

When eggs are scarce, tapioca soaked in water for an hour makes a good binding for fish cakes, croquettes, and rissoles.

Sausage skins can be removed quickly and cleanly if the sausages are held for a moment under the cold water tap.

Bacon will not shrink in frying if it has been first dipped in flour.

Corks can be made air and water-tight by immersing them for five minutes in oil.

To prevent fur collecting in a kettle, place a marble or a clean, luster-shell inside. The fur will collect round this instead of coating the kettle.

To remove fur from a kettle, fill with potato peelings, add a little water and boil briskly until clean.

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1 pig's head, 1 teaspoon mixed spice, ½ lb. steak, if desired, 1 teaspoonful chopped sage, 1 medium-sized onion, pepper, salt and cloves to taste, 1 dessertspoonful mixed herbs, bay leaves.

CLEAN the head, rub in a little salt and brown sugar. Leave for a day and repeat. Simmer gently in a little water with onion stuck with cloves, herbs and bay leaves, until tender.

Remove meat, cut into small pieces. Add spice, pepper and salt, put into greased moulds with some of the liquid. Serve when cold.

The addition of minced steak is sometimes advisable if the head is rather fat.

This is delicious and very cheap to make.

Make-Up for THE PARTY

By FRANCES DAY

GOING to a party or a dance? Got a new frock? Well, here are a few points you should memorise.

1 Use both foundation lotion and cream if you are likely to be in hot rooms. This combination lasts much longer and holds the powder more effectively.

2 Try using two powders—the one with which you are familiar and one a little darker. They blend well in artificial light.

3 A cream rouge used first of all and then a slightly brighter one—but dry—will make you look more alluring.

This also applies to eye shadow. A lighter one for the lids and a slightly different shade towards the brows, which should be well defined and neatly trimmed.

Your powder should also be darker than for day use. Apply two or even three coats with soft pads of cotton wool. Dust lightly over the face and then gently brush off all traces of superficial powder, leaving a nice matt finish.

SAFE DIET FOR GASTRIC ULCERS

Great care is needed in the feeding of sufferers from gastric and duodenal ulcers and inflammation of the stomach. The wrong kind of food will increase the pain and discomfort. In the early stages of treatment small quantities of liquid food must be taken at frequent intervals.

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Armed Strikers Threaten British Interests

TENSE SITUATION AT KAILAN COMPANY'S TONGSHAN HOLDINGS

Agitators Reported Active Among Chinese Miners

Peiping, Mar. 28.

There is a tense situation in the Tongshan area where the Sino-British Kailan Company's coal mines are situated.

Three thousand Chinese miners have struck work, allegedly instigated by agitators, and the strikers are now found to be armed.

There is a possibility of a serious clash between the armed strikers and Kailan police.

The Kailan officials are consulting with British officials at Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

The Hongkong offices of the Kailan Mining Administration could provide no further details in connection with the strike. They were aware that there was some trouble with the workers, but had not been informed of this latest development, the discovery that the miners are armed and adopting a threatening attitude.

In case aid is needed there are British troops at Chingwantao and British warships, the Capetown and Lowestoft, at Weihaiwei. There is a British Consulate at Tientsin, which is about 70 miles from the mines.

The mining territory is part of that which has been under the authority of the Chahar-Hopei autonomous administration from 1931 until about six months ago when the Japanese took control.

The K.M.A. Hongkong agent stated recently that relations between both these authorities and the Sino-British mine had always been most amicable.

Wounded Man Tried To Walk To Canton

Bedraggled, wounded, and in a state of collapse, a Chinese soldier was picked up on the Taiipo Road yesterday by a European motorist. The soldier, who gave his name as Chou Kwong, was a private of the 156th Battalion of the Chinese Army, which has been engaged in heavy fighting recently.

He was wounded in battle and it is believed, came to Hongkong by junk. Despite his condition the man attempted to walk from Kowloon to Canton, where his family resides. He collapsed on the roadway after walking to Taiipo. The motorist brought him back to Kowloon, where he is now in the Government hospital.

Noted Greek Statesman Passes Away

Leader of Conservative Democratic Party

Athens, Mar. 27. The death is reported, from heart failure, of Dr. Andrew Michalakopoulos, former Premier of Greece, and leader of the Greek Conservative Democratic Party. He was 63 years of age.—*Reuter*.

Dr. Michalakopoulos, LL.D., lawyer and politician, was educated at Athens University. He became a barrister-at-law and had been a Deputy for Patras since 1910. From 1915 to 1917 he was Minister of National Economy. In 1917 he was appointed Minister of War, and a year later became Minister of Agriculture. From 1919 to 1920 he was Minister of State.

In 1924 he became Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and two years later was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs. He served in M. Venizelos' Cabinets from August, 1928 to May, 1932, from June to November in 1932, and from January to March in 1933. He became a Senator in 1933, and was President of the Foreign Secretariat Committee, and vice-President of the Cabinet.

China Thanks London's Lord Mayor

Hankow, Mar. 28. The Chinese Peoples Foreign Relations Association has drawn up a lengthy letter for despatch to London for the Lord Mayor, thanking him for his appeal for the relief of refugees in China, and expressing the deep gratitude of the Chinese for the generous donations given in response to the Lord Mayor's appeal.—*Reuter*.

OPIUM HIDDEN IN KITCHEN

A fine of \$3,000, with the alternative of four months' hard labour, was imposed on Tsui Fong, 56, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for possession of 300 taels of opium at a house in Wing Lok Street.

Senior Revenue Officer A. Grinnitt stated that the opium was concealed in the kitchen.

His Worship observed that in view of defendant's age he was imposing only a light sentence.

Faster Service Inaugurated By Air France

Paris, Mar. 27. The first machine of the new Air France fleet was used on the Paris-London service to-day and made a record flight from Croydon to Paris in 57 minutes. The machine left Croydon at 9.32 a.m. and landed at Le Bourget at 10.29 a.m., covering 202 miles at an average speed of 213 miles an hour.—*Reuter*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO AMBIGUITY

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir.—A correspondent, A.D.G., called attention in last Friday's paper to the *Reuter* report of the Pope's appeal concerning aerial warfare in Spain. He referred to the sentences: "The Pope also pointed out the atrocities suffered by Catholic priests and, and, as these sentences came immediately after the account of the Pope's appeal to General Franco, he queried the implication that it was the Nationalist army which was responsible for the murder of the priests."

The matter was made quite clear in last Thursday's broadcast from the Vatican City station, in the usual daily news bulletin, 11.30-11.45 p.m., Hongkong time. This stated that the Pope appealed for humanity in the conduct of the war in Spain, and that he referred to the deaths of civilians in the recent insurgent air raids and to the recent atrocities committed against priests by the Government troops in Teruel.

There was no ambiguity in the Pope's message, but of course all will agree with A.D.G. that an impartial news agency would not deliberately word the report in such a way as to give a wrong impression.

THOS. F. RYAN, S.J.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Dead End" (King's Theatre, to-day)—As only to be expected of any work of Mr. Samuel Goldwyn's, this is an intelligent picture, carefully written, highly polished, and well up in the top half of the year's productions. It is the story of a frustrated people in a foul cul-de-sac, down by New York's East River; the ragged boys who live like wharf-rats, stealing and hiding, bullying and swimming. The film has all the qualities of honest intention.

"Tovarich" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, to-day)—Princes in the pantry have always meant money in the box-office, and this film, with an exiled Grand Duchess turning down the beds and her consort serving the cocktails to the Paris bourgeoisie, is likely to be enormously popular. It is a spirited piece, with a laugh approximately every thirty seconds. Claudette Colbert, Charles Boyer and Basil Rathbone have the leading roles.

"The Perfect Specimen" (Oriental Theatre, to-day)—A young man (Errol Flynn), having led a sheltered life under the wings of his grandmother, finds the outside world not quite the same as he has been taught to believe. Complications arise when he meets the girl (Joan Blondell). It is light entertainment with plenty of laughs.

"Public Enemy's Wife" (Majestic Theatre, to-day)—A powerful drama in which G-Men figure in the romance of a girl who had been unjustly put in prison. Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay have the leading parts, supported by Armstrong and Cesar Romero.

AIR MAIL DUE TO-MORROW

No air mail is due from England to-day. The usual delivery was made on Sunday.

The Daedalus is expected in Hongkong to-morrow morning and as this is an extra trip to get back to schedule again, the machine may bring some mail with her. This would be delivered to-morrow as an extra mail.

Capt. R. G. Ballantyne, best known of Imperial Airways pilots in the Far East, is on his way home on leave. Capt. Ballantyne has the longest record of regular service on the Far East run of any of the company's pilots and, after flying over the Peking-Hongkong route for over a year, he had the job of surveying the present run between Bangkok and Hongkong.

ALL BORROWERS' DEMANDS MET

London, Mar. 27. The money market, despite a drop amounting to about £10,000,000 in bankers' deposits, as revealed in this week's Bank of England return of loans, continued to fully and amply meet all the needs of borrowers.

Roman Church In Austria Backs Reich

Joins Hitler In Plebiscite Appeal

Berlin, Mar. 27. The Roman Catholic bishops of Austria, headed by Cardinal Innitzer, to-day issued a solemn declaration pledging support to the German Reich. The declaration expressed the conviction that National-Socialism averted the danger of the all-destroying and godless Bolshevism.

The declaration, which was read in all churches, concludes: "On the day of the plebiscite we expect all faithful Christians to show a sense of debt to their race"—*Reuter*.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,525 b.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £90 n.
Chartered Banks, £11 3/4 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £28 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$80 b.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$275 n.
Union Ins., \$532 1/2 b.
China Underwriters, \$2 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$245 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$67 n.
H.K. Steamboats, \$16 1/4 b.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$31 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$24 n.
Shell Bearer, \$2/6 n.
Union Waterboats, \$9 1/2 n.

Stocks etc.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$135 1/2 sa.
H.K. W. Docks, \$33 1/2 n.
Providents (old), \$3.60 b.
Providents (new), 1.60 b. and sa.
New Engineering, Sh. \$3.90 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$100 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 15/6 n.
Raub, \$7.90 n.
Venz, Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. 51 sa.
Atoks, P. 26 sa.
Baguio Gold, P. 20 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 9.50 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Groves, P. 47 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.
Demonstrations, P. 34 sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaus G'fields, P. —
Ipe Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. 70 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Palanca Gumaus, P. 20 sa.
Palanca Mining, P. —
San Marcelino, P. 46 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. 10 1/2 sa.
United Paracales, P. 41 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$6.90 sa.
H.K. Lands, \$35 1/4 n.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100 b.
Shai Lands, Sh. \$7 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$9 1/4 n.
H.K. Realities, \$5.40 n.
Chinese Estate, \$97 b.
China Realities, Sh. —
China Deben, —

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, \$15.00 b. and sa.
Peak Trams (old), \$7 b.
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries, \$8 1/2 b.
Yamnat Ferries (old), \$28 1/2 n.
China Light (old), \$12.10 sa.
China Light (new), \$9.10 n.
H.K. Electric, \$59 1/4 b.
Macao Electric, \$10 a.
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2 b.
Telephone (old), \$263 1/2 b.
Telephone (new), \$10 n.
China Bus, Sh. —
Singapore Traction, 23/- n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

Industrials
Cald. Macg. (old), Sh. \$14 1/4 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$12 1/4 n.
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.
Cement, \$17.00 b.
H.K. Ropes \$4.95 n.

Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$24 1/2 b.
Watsons, \$6.60 b.
Lane Crawford, \$9 1/4 n.
Sinceres, \$2.20 b.
Wing On (H.K.), \$39 n.
William Powell, Ltd., 60 cts. b.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cotton, Sh. \$13.60 n.
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$72 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. —
Wing On Textile, Sh. —

Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainment, \$6.70 n.
Constructions, \$1 1/4 b.
Vibro Piling, \$5 1/4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G&Bds., 70% n.

Bonds
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 2% prm. n.

Wallace Harpers, \$10 b.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.), s/- 13/0 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 3/10 b.

ENGINEER LEFT H.K. ESTATE

The late Mr. Morrison Brown Yung, mining engineer, who died at 114 Kan Shih Chow, Peiping, on September 9, 1935, left local estate valued at \$7,100. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to Mrs. Jong-sang Turner, formerly known as Jong-sang Yung.



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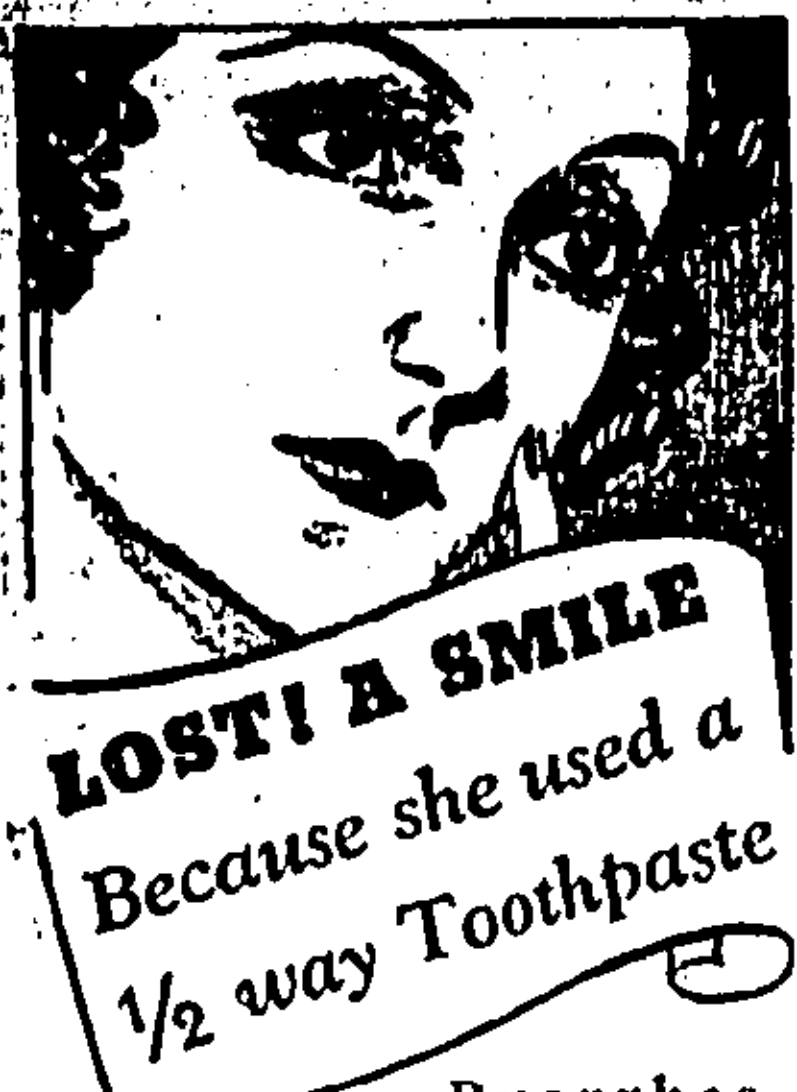
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JAPANESE NOW FACING DISASTER

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toward Yuncheng and Anyi, further north.

The recapture by Chinese troops of Fengcheng, important town on the north bank of the Yellow River in north Honan, was confirmed in despatches received here to-day.

The Chinese troops, assisted by a squadron of bombing planes, entered the city at seven o'clock in the morning of March 27, the Japanese forces having been withdrawn on the previous evening.

The Japanese suffered heavy casualties during the severe air bombardment by the Chinese air force.

In south-east Shansi, the Chinese troops have recaptured Yuncheng and are rapidly advancing toward Tsiacheng, 25 kilometres to the east, where the Japanese are entrenched inside the city walls after having suffered a serious setback at the hands of the Chinese, during which 400 of them were killed.—Central News.

Chinese Gain Ascendancy

Hsuehchow, March 28. Fighting along the north section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway continues to be in favour of the Chinese troops.

Throughout the rail line from Taiwenkou in the north to Tenghsien in the south, a distance of fully 100 kilometres, the Japanese are holding a precarious foothold at a number of places, the line having been cut at numerous points by Chinese forces who forced a crossing of the Tientsin Canal by west Shansi and are threatening the invaders by sweeping flanking movements.

A strong detachment of Chinese troops is known to have occupied the north-west suburbs of Yenchow, midway between Taiwenkou and Tenghsien, while other Chinese units are actively harassing the Japanese at both Taiwenkou and Lianghsien, 20 kilometres north of Tenghsien.

Anticipate Big Victory

Heavy fighting raged throughout yesterday at a number of points along the railway where the Chinese forces were effectively supported by artillery and tanks.

The Chinese authorities confidently expect to inflict a heavy reverse for the Japanese invaders who have penetrated deep along the railway south of the Yellow River.

The Japanese forces, concentrating their main strength on the Lincheng-Tsaochwang section of the railway with the intention of crushing the Chinese forces, are meeting with stiff resistance from the crack divisions under General Tang En-po.

In the vicinity of Hanchung, where the Chinese troops have staged a number of night raids with great success, the Japanese forces have dug in, in the north-west of the railway station in anticipation of renewed Chinese attacks.—Central News.

Chinese Still Attack

Shanghai, March 27. Heavy fighting is still going on along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to-day where Chinese forces are attacking Lincheng and Tsaochwang, about 50 miles north of Hsuehchow.

On the branch line east of the railway, the Japanese evacuated Yihshien.

Chinese units are reported to be approaching Yenchow, farther up the railway, while another report stated that Chinese troops crossed the Taiwen River and will advance to attack Talian, 50 miles south of Tsinan.—International.

Ready To Retreat

Hankow, Mar. 27. Japanese warplanes subjected the Chinese forces enveloping Yenchow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 120 miles south of Tsinan, to heavy bombing yesterday but failed to lift the siege.

The defenders of Yenchow took up their position in the banks of the Szeshui River, which passes the southern outskirts of the town.

Chinese units resumed onslaughts on the town this morning. Simultaneously other Chinese units on the left wing co-ordinated by attacking Tsinan, on the branch line, and Chiusiang, west of Tsinan. As a sign that the Japanese resistance is weakening, the headquarters at Yenchow is ready for removal to Talian.—International.

Japanese Dig In

Hsuehchow, Mar. 27. Fighting at Linhuakwan, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway south of Pengu, was renewed to-day, as large numbers of Chinese irregular and mobile units attacked Japanese outposts. Extensive harassing of the enemy is under way, Japanese detachments in the north sections of the railway being unable to come south as reinforcements.

Indicating that they are on the defensive, the Japanese at Fengyung, east of Linhuakwan, are constructing new trenches and other defensive works as well as installing anti-aircraft guns. The highway between Fengyung and Tsinan which is used for military transportation, is patrolled day and night by armoured cars, tanks and cavalry units.

The Japanese are making every effort to defend Yenchow, as their reverses in Shantung may lead to Chinese counter-offensive on the south sections of the railway.—International.

Comparative Man-Power

Lanchow, Mar. 28. More than 90 divisions of Chinese troops, possibly numbering 700,000 men, are at present stretched across a defence line running from Anhwei in the north to Shantung in the west, and across "Lanchow" to Kiangsu. Seventy divisions are in the front line, and about 80 of them are actually engaged in fighting. Forty thousand Chinese reinforcements have been sent to Shensi. The Japanese line is from Hang-

NEW NANKING GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED

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standing in the way of the development of the new regime.—United Press.

Established At Noon

Shanghai, Mar. 28. The new Government of Central China, the "Reformed Government of the Republic of China", was established at Nanking by the Japanese at noon to-day.—Reuter.

Cabinet Of New Regime Named

Shanghai, Mar. 28. According to Donchi's Chinese service, the following have been appointed to Cabinet posts in the new Central China Government.

Liang Heng-chi, President of the Executive Yuan; Wen Tsung-yao, President of the Legislative Yuan; Chen Chun, former head of the political Training Department of the Nationalist forces in Shanghai, Minister of the Interior; Chen Loh, ex-Minister to Paris, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Chen Chieh-min, Japan-educated lawyer, Minister of Education; Wang Tse-wei, Minister of Industry; Liang Chen-chi, concurrent Minister of Communications; Chen Ching-tao, former Finance Minister at Peiping, Finance Minister.

No Minister for War has been named.—United Press.

chow to Paotow, and Chinese estimates put the number of men holding it at 600,000, which, it is claimed, is inadequate to protect such a long line.

In a counter attack, General Chang Tze-chung and General Pang Ping-shun, commanding the troops in Eastern Shantung, added the Shansi Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, the Japanese being unable to switch their troops or mass their strength.

The so-called new army, which consists of replenished and expanded Shanghai divisions, is ready, under the command of General Hu Chang-bam, Shanghai's most successful commander, and it is expected it will shortly be sent to partially replace the present front line fighters.

North Of Yangtze

Commands of the only existing fighting forces north of the Yangtze, are at present vested in General Li Ching-jen, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and General Wei Li-huang, in Shansi, the latter leading the Eighth Route Army against whom he once fought.

The northern section of the Peiping-Hankow railway front is almost empty of Japanese troops, and some high commanders have advocated the dispatch of very large Chinese force to this area.

However, it is indicated that the highest command is still waiting, and is not willing yet to gamble on a swift manoeuvre in the offensive towards Tientsin.—United Press.

Japanese Landing At Tatum Frustrated

Fanchang, Anhwei, Mar. 28. Several steam launches, fully loaded with Japanese troops, made an unsuccessful attempt to land, at Tatum, 100 kilometres up-river from Wuhu on the south bank of the Yangtze, yesterday.

The Japanese were supported by a number of planes which dropped numerous bombs on the shore. At the same time, broadside after broadside was opened up on the Chinese positions from six Japanese vessels on the river.

The Chinese troops on the bank greeted the Japanese launches with a hail of machine-gun bullets which killed twenty of the invaders. The rest beat a hasty retreat, to their gunboats.—Central News.

Chinese Advance On Changhing

Ningkuo, Mar. 28. Following the recapture of Kwangteh, the Chinese troops are pressing on to Changhing and Szean on the Chiehling border.

Repeated assaults by Japanese troops on the Chinese positions along the Wuhu front yesterday were repulsed by the defenders.—Central News.

Glory Of Szechwan Troops

Hsuehchow, Mar. 28. Deeply moved by the gallant stand taken by the Szechwan troops in defence of Tenghsien, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has ordered a sum of \$50,000 to be distributed among the families of the dead and the wounded.

A grant of \$20,000 was awarded by order of General Chiang to the family of the late General Wang Min-chang, Divisional Commander of the Szechwan troops, who gave his life in the defence of the battered city.—Central News.

Chinese Recapture Villages

Hanchung, Mar. 28. Two small villages in the vicinity of Kiangsi, east of Tsinan, were recaptured by two Chinese regiments on March 28.

The opposing forces are now fighting near Anchu, midway between Kiangsi and Tsinan. Large numbers of reinforcements are being rushed by the Japanese from Tsinan to consolidate their position at Anchu.

Another detachment of Chinese troops, in a flanking movement across Nanyang Lake against the Japanese forces at Chiehho, have destroyed several lengths of rail there. A score of Japanese trains were

AMERICANS STRIKE BACK AT MEXICO

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decision had been reached with regard to the purchase of Mexican silver. The spokesman added that a decision would not be taken until after April 1, when the United States commitments to buy Mexican silver during March expire.—Reuter.

Will Inconvenience Mexican Treasury

Washington, Mar. 27. High administration officials have disclosed that in retaliation for the expropriation of American oil companies' property in Mexico, the United States has abrogated the Silver Purchase agreement with Mexico, as from April 1.

The Treasury refuses to comment, except to point out that it is likely a formal announcement will be made soon. However, it is understood it is felt that since monetary steps have been taken designed to devalue the peso, accompanied by expropriation, Mexico has morally violated the silver agreement. Officials drew attention to the fact that the United States entered upon the agreement on the understanding of a strictly "favourable basis."

Mr. Cordell Hull regarded the agreement as a large contribution towards good neighbourliness, and he now feels that Mexico has acted over-hastily.

Negotiations Suspended

Meanwhile it is reported that expropriation of the oil fields has caused the suspension of negotiations affecting the borderlands. It is not believed that the abrogation of the silver agreement will immediately hurt Mexico, although it will inconvenience her Treasury, which henceforth must offer its silver to the world market. Some fear that this might unsettle the market. Others believe that the United States may now purchase more Chinese silver.—United Press.

Clear Statement

Washington, Mar. 27. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, in a statement to-day said: "In view of the United States Government's decision to re-examine certain of its financial and commercial relationships with Mexico, the Treasury will defer continuations of the monthly silver purchase arrangements with Mexico until further notice."

Mr. Morgenthau's announcement followed a statement by President Cardenas in Mexico City that the United States was abandoning monthly purchases of Mexican silver on April 1.—Reuter.

Cardenas' Silver Inflation

Mexico City, Mar. 27. A prominent silver expert expressed the opinion to-day that President Cardenas was apparently embarking on silver inflation. He said that as a result of the United States decision to cease monthly purchases, Mexico will need silver to make peso pieces, and thereby keep international confidence in the peso. As long as silver is needed for pesos, millions of Mexicans will retain their faith in the peso.—United Press.

Plan Indemnities

Mexico City, Mar. 27. A committee of State Governors at Juarez is meeting to chart a plan to finance oil indemnities. It decided in principle to urge abrogation of a \$27,800,000 loan and also proposed to pay indemnities with oil. It is expected the oil companies will refuse such. It is also suggested that public donations be made to assist economic recuperation of the oil fields.

President Cardenas has requested the Bank of Mexico to open an account for "National Co-Operation" and to receive subscriptions for this. It is understood that all workers and groups of State Governors are solidly backing President Cardenas on the understanding that he will not prosecute a real modification of expropriation.—United Press.

damaged and many Japanese soldiers killed.—Central News.

Many Japanese At Tsaochwang Slain

Hsuehchow, March 28. The recapture of Tsaochwang early yesterday morning by crack Chinese troops under the command of General Tang En-po was confirmed in military reports reaching here to-day. General Tang personally led his troops at the end of which 1,000 of the Japanese forces, numbering 3,000 were killed and wounded, and the rest scattered in complete disorder.

More than thirty Japanese officers and men were captured, two light machine-guns seized, and five tanks damaged.—Central News.

Chinese Approach Tsinan

Hsuehchow, Mar. 28. Chinese troops operating in west Shantung have recaptured Pingtuo, ten kilometres north-east of Tsinan.

Anchu, a small town between and commanding Tsinan and Kiangsi, is under fierce attack by the Chinese forces.—Central News.

Chinese Guerillas Active

Chengchow, March 28. Chinese guerillas along the northern section of the Peiping-Hankow line in southern Hopei, have again been most active in harassing Japanese troop movements and disrupting their communication lines.

An important bridge a few miles from Yingta has been damaged. A Japanese train, fully loaded with ammunition, was overturned in the vicinity.

At Tzshien, Chinese guerillas have cut numerous military telephone lines and seized quantities of provisions and supplies.—Central News.

LOYALISTS BECOME DESPERATE AS ARMY CONTINUES RETREAT

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as enormous quantities of material have been captured.—Reuter.

Italian Legion Reduced

Rome, Mar. 27. A communique published in Informazione Diplomatica with regard to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech, says that responsible Italian circles are inclined to share Mr. Chamberlain's optimism in connection with Anglo-Italian negotiations.

The communique adds that Italy will keep her pledge to withdraw Italian legionaries from Spain when the French and Russians are prepared to do as much, and to apply properly the whole of the British non-intervention plan. On the other hand, since no reinforcements have been sent for many months, the forces of the Italian legionaries in Spain are much reduced.

The communique concludes by stating that responsible Italian circles are following with very close attention the campaign of the French Left for intervention in Spain which would have unforeseeable and certainly grave repercussions and might compromise the peace of Europe.—Reuter.

Insurgent Planes Wipe Out Village

Barcelona, Mar. 27. The War Office announces that 160 insurgent planes bombed Fraga at 2 p.m. and caused enormous damage. Four planes completely destroyed the village of Resell near Tarragona.—United Press.

Greatest Attack In Air History

Hendaye, Mar. 27. Moroccans crossed the Cinca River and entered Fraga after the Loyalists had evacuated the town under the bombardments of 160 planes, which, it is reported, constituted the greatest mass attack in the history of aerial warfare.

Late to-day the Loyalists issued a communique stating they had stopped the insurgents along the Cinca River banks half a mile outside of Fraga.—United Press.

DISHONEST HOUSE BOY JUST A FOOL

A room boy in the Empress Lodge, Mody Road, was termed a fool by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he admitted that he had thrown up a well-paid job to steal a lodger's money and that he had lost it all in gambling.

The boy, Kong Chun, 31, was charged with stealing \$120 in Shanghai currency from Mrs. K. Rogers, Detective Sergeant E. S. Brooks said that Mrs. Rogers had discovered her loss on March 25, and has reported it to the police. Enquiries were made among the servants and it was found that Kong had left on the previous day, without notice, saying he had obtained such a good job in a ship that he did not want his salary.

He was eventually found, and he admitted stealing the money, saying he had lost it all in three days of gambling.

His salary had been \$20 a month, and sometimes he received as much as \$30 a month in tips.

His Worship sentenced him to two months' hard labour and advised him to leave the Colony when he came out of gaol.

SEEK HEAVIER TAXES ON U.S. SURPLUSES

Washington, Mar. 27. The Senate Finance Committee considered proposals to strengthen the tax law provisions penalising corporations for accumulating "unreasonable" surpluses, which, it is emphasised, is distinct from the undistributed profits tax.

Senator Harrison said the committee was considering several proposals and would not reach a decision before Monday. He added: "We have no sympathy with corporations that withhold surpluses so that stockholders escape the high surtaxes they would be required to pay if the surpluses were distributed."

Senator Harrison said the present surplus penalties were pretty strong, but he indicated that they desired further strengthening if possible.

The committee was also considering proposals to penalise and tax in the case of personal holding companies desiring to dissolve.—United Press.

CABARET SHOW AT THURSDAY'S CLUB DANCE

The Public Works Recreation Club is holding its first annual dance at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Thursday.

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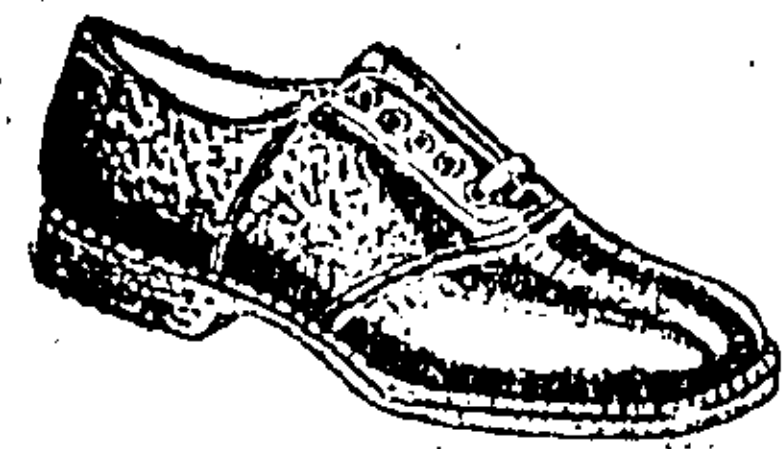
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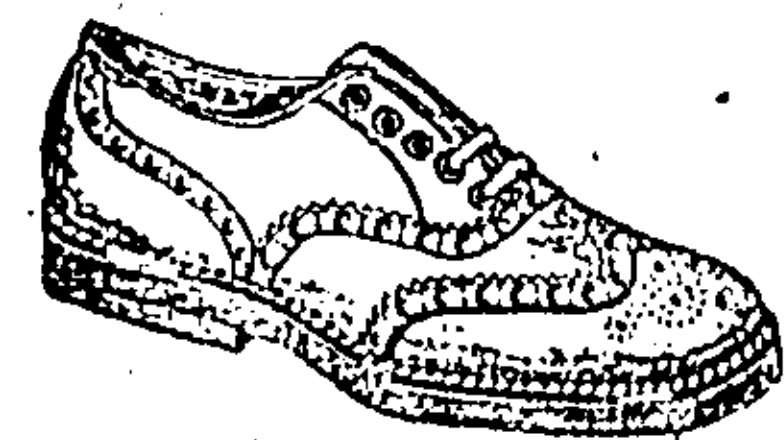
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WALKING WARILY

If Mr. Chamberlain, Britain's Prime Minister, has not exactly solved the problem of foreign policy to the satisfaction of everyone, by his reiteration of the country's determination to go to the aid of France and Belgium in the event of their invasion, he has at least given the required reassurance which will make these two nations more than ever inclined to co-operation in every sphere. There will be some who will want a reciprocal pledge from France for assistance in the event of British possessions being threatened by any power or group of powers. Actually it is not necessary. In pledging herself to the defence of France and Belgium, Great Britain in reality is doing nothing more than safeguarding her own security, for her defensive strategy has long been based upon the assumption that Franco-Belgian borders are her own European frontiers. In this day of aviation power, when nations are only hours apart, it is obvious that Britain is relatively safe from attack as long as she has a superior sea force and an air force at least the equal of any possible adversary, and as long as French and Belgian frontiers are closed to any army of invasion. The guarantee that no such army can march into either of these states without meeting their combined resistance already exists. On the sea Britain is still supreme. In the air, if she has not already built to numerical equality with other powers, she soon will have reached this point in the rapid expansion programme now in hand. As a matter of fact, with the fastest fighting aircraft in the world, she is in a position to take care of herself at this moment against any but the strongest combination of Continental states; and no such combination threatens her. Neither is she alone; for she has the sympathetic support of at least half of Europe and the assurance of active co-operation from powerful neighbours. Britain is easily the "safest" nation in her immediate sphere; and, with the backing of the Empire, the mightiest state on earth, both in man-power and material resources. It is natural that the British Government should take the lead in the campaign of appeasement which the advanced thinkers of the country are unanimous in supporting; and it is equally apparent that because of her own security and her confidence in her own great strength, she should be the first to offer compromise in

HIGH in the sky the silver bombers come at all hours of the day and night. Only clouds keep them away.

When they come at night you don't often see them because the searchlights usually fail to pick them out; but in the day they are innocent, like leaves, and no bigger, twisting and turning in a high wind, which you can't feel.

Mostly it is the prowling fighters which tumble about the sky; the bombers, in arrow-heads of three, like to fly straight across the cities they have come to wreck. Then they seem to move more slowly than any aeroplanes have ever moved before.

Article On Air Raids

A. R. P. have become the most-talked-of initials in Hongkong. Against the menace of air raids, which the younger generation have never suffered, we are now taking precautions. This article tries to tell you what air raids feel like—from the point of view of the man literally in the street.

Probably—almost certainly—they are travelling at no less than 200 miles an hour, those Junkers and Heinkels and Capronis and Savoias. But to look at them, knowing that you dwell beneath their wings, you wouldn't think so.

WHEN first you experience an air raid and don't know what is happening, it is irresistible; you want to go out into the street and stand with upturned face staring at those tiny wheeling shafts of light, which contain (only you can't believe it) men who are talking to one another; and contain, too, high explosives which those men, by pressing a switch, can drop somewhere upon the land below them—somewhere near where you are standing.

If the bombers are right over your head you are pretty safe, because bombs don't drop perpendicularly; when they are released from their racks they are already travelling forward at 200 miles an hour, and in their flight they lose impetus, so that by the time they reach the ground their downward speed is greater than their forward.

When I saw my first air raid I saw a bomb crash into the side of a house, about half-way up, as though someone had thrown it from the opposite side of the square.

Before the bomb burst, the outside of the storey where it had hit, dissolved, like an aspirin in water. You could see it powder, and you heard no noise.

Then the bomb exploded and after that—or rather, simultaneously with that—I disappeared. I'm glad I did. Bits and pieces rocketed through the doorway where I was standing;

order to avoid dangerous friction. Mr. Chamberlain, however, recognises that there is a point beyond which it would not be wise to retreat in matters of diplomacy. There is justification, too, for his refusal to precisely define the last line, so to speak, beyond which his Government cannot be hustled. The uncertainty should have the effect of deterring aggressive nations, and at the same time Britain's obvious sincerity in seeking for a peace-preserving formula should have the effect of lessening antagonisms and keeping the way open for negotiation.

Meanwhile, having looked to his frontiers, Mr. Chamberlain is attempting to bring Labour into line for a speeding up of production in the armaments industry; and the indications are that he is succeeding. This is one of his greatest problems; and he has shown foresight in tackling it at this stage, before the necessity is immediate, arriving with real danger. There is no doubt of his ability to rally the whole nation in the face of actual peril; for the nature of the people assures him of their full support. But in his programme of preparedness the full collaboration of Labour is also vital, as much so as in time of frightening emergency. A victory on the "home front" would vastly increase the Government's influence abroad, reassure the Empire and give the British people that feeling of confidence that only comes with closest unity and understanding among all classes and parties.

but worse than those was the metal drawn only by gravity and so it is to be struck by a piece hurled at you by high explosive. One of the oddest things about the aeroplanes dropped a lot exploding bombs is that when you hear a sequence of explosions you always think that they are coming in your direction. This is because each explosion subsequent to the first adds to the volume of sound, making it louder all the time. After a bit you don't worry about things like that.

UP to now it had been interesting; but afterwards, when we went across the square to help drag what was left of human beings from their ruined homes, it was horrible. Bits of people, dead only a few minutes, are no joke.

And the time that we were digging and scrambling in the dust and ruin, the fighters played about in the sky above us, so high that they sometimes disappeared into the haze. They were beautiful.

It was only afterwards, after it was all over, that there was time or inclination to be afraid.

Between your first air raid and your second (if you have time to ask questions, which isn't always the case) you learn a lot of things.

You learn that if an enemy bomber is coming at you downwind, you are safe; because all the best people only bomb upwind. In that way they can better control what, after all, is not, and never can be, an instrument of precision.

You learn that if, by chance, you should be raided while you are in the country, it is better sleep if they come while you're not to look at the aeroplane, because human faces show up so well against the dark ground; and you learn that it is a good thing to resist the temptation to run to what looks like a safer place, and to lie down. There seldom is a safer place.

When a bomb hits the ground, the bits and pieces fly upward, not horizontally; and it is better to be hit by a piece of jagged

population unmercifully machine-gunned from German Heinkels. They power-dive on mean streets; and sound a whole lot worse than they are.

They sound worse because although they fire their steel-coated bullets with astonishing rapidity, they are travelling so fast that they hit about once every twelve feet. If you happen to be somewhere near that twelfth foot it's too bad. It was too bad once for a little girl I saw. When I saw her die so suddenly I was frightened for the first time; and always afterwards I was frightened.

That's how it is with air raids. Your imagination doesn't work until you've seen something horrible; and after that it works too hard.

BUT even so it is easy to overrate the danger and the horrors of air bombardment. That is cold comfort for the scores and hundreds and thousands who have died and left not enough of themselves for burial: it is cold comfort for those who have lived and seen their homes in dust. But it is true.

Many times I have sat in the darkened cities of Madrid and Valencia and Barcelona and have heard the faint drone of enemy aeroplanes flying uninterrupted across the sky; and heard, too, the muffled crash of bombs not far away.

And when later I have been out to look at the damage, I have found no holocaust. The material damage has been slight; but never has the damage to morale been visible.

From such tribulation, so nobly borne, we might ourselves well take some heart for the future which we seem to dread so much.

Philip
Jordan

JAPAN'S THREAT TO THE NAVIES OF THE WORLD

By
Walter Whitman

Prestige First

THE Admiral who recently relinquished command of the French naval forces in the Far East has called attention to the feverish activity taking place in Japanese dockyards under the closest secrecy.

Whereas most of the naval Powers have pledged themselves to announce to one another details of their naval construction each year, Japan, by refusing to sign the last Navy Treaty, has kept herself free to build warships as she chooses, and without any obligation to inform the world of her plans.

Although world attention is mainly concentrated upon the war in China, various Admiralties are concerned about what is taking place in the dockyards of Japan, and taxpayers in a good many countries are

likely to be equally concerned later on. For if Japan pursues her present policy of secret naval building, other Powers with Eastern interests will have to take account of their position and build ships, in order to maintain some sort of superiority.

Treaty restrictions have always been irksome to Japan, not so much because they limited her naval building, but because it has been hurtful to the pride of the Japanese to have to accept an inferior position in naval strength in relation to other countries.

When the world-war ended, Great Britain and the United States had under construction the mightiest battlefleets ever contemplated, and it was not perhaps surprising that most countries were prepared to agree to some sort of limitation when the obvious alternative was a costly naval race, involving the expenditure of vast sums of money, but leading to nothing but the greater strength of the British and United States navies.

But at the Washington Conference of 1922 the Japanese delegation expressed their dislike of the whole plan of naval limitation. They said (Continued on Page 4)

EVERYWHERE

BOTH SOUTH CHINA TEAMS ENTER SHIELD FINAL

NAVY PLAYERS OUTCLASSED BY CHINESE "B"

CHAN TAK-FAI FINDS THE NET FOUR TIMES

(By "Abu")

Fielding the team which they did, the Navy had little hope of overcoming South China "B" in the semi-finals of the Senior Football Shield on the Club ground yesterday; outplayed in every department, the sailors were defeated by the lob-sided score of 7-1.

This victory by the Chinese thus ensures an all-South China final, the "A" team having beaten Middlesex the previous day.

For nearly 20 minutes, the Navy held South China in a firm grip. While they themselves seldom looked like scoring during this period, their defence kept the Chinese forwards at bay and refused to be beaten by the guiles of Chan Tak-fai and Co. But as soon as Lee Shek-yau opened the scoring from a pass by Chan Tak-fai, the sailors' resistance crumbled, and for the remainder of the encounter, there was only one side in it.

Encouraged by their lead, the Chinese played splendid football. Every man rose to the occasion and they combined so effectively together that they completely succeeded in making the Navy team look second-rate.

Owing to the one-sidedness of the match, play was never really exciting, and the thrills which one would normally expect in a Shield semi-final encounter were lacking.

NOT FLATTERED

The score of 7-1 did not flatter the Chinese in the least. With a little more luck, they might have taken their total to double figures; four times in the course of the game, their forwards rattled either the bar or the posts after Pepper had been beaten. Chan Tak-fai alone hit the bar three times, bearing out my contention that he is probably the best and certainly the most unfortunate centre-forward in senior football in the Colony. Nevertheless, he managed to find the net on four occasions.

The greatest strength in the Chinese side lay in their immediate line, where Lim Tak-po and his two wing-men, Leung In-chun and Tse Kam-hung, established such an ascendancy that few Navy attacks were allowed to become dangerous.

Lim Tak-po was in fine fettle throughout, and not only worked hard but featured his play with splendid long passes to both wings. With the number of passes which came their way, the Chinese forwards gave the Navy defence a trying time. Chan Tak-fai as usual was a menace whenever he had the ball within shooting distance, and received fine support from every one of the line. The forwards were definitely at their best.

NAVY FORWARDS WEAK

In contrast to the Chinese, the Navy forwards were extremely weak and made a mess of every one of the opportunities which they had. Not one of the five knew where the

Chinese Forward's Deadly Shooting

The deadliness of Chan Tak-fai's marksmanship is shown by the fact that in the three matches played by South China "B" in the Senior Soccer Shield, he scored no fewer than nine goals.

South China "B" met the Seaford Highlanders twice. The first game resulted in a draw of 1-1, and the Chinese goal was registered by Chan. In the return match he found the net four times and yesterday he scored four goals against the Navy.

The following is his record in Shield matches this season:

v. Seafords	1
v. Seafords	4
v. Navy	4

goal lay, and their solitary point, scored in the last two minutes of the game, came only when the Chinese were taking things rather easily. Had the sailors shown a little more method in their attacks, and had their inside forwards and the half-backs fed the two wings, Perkins and Paige, a little more, they might have given the Chinese a better fight; but the kicking throughout was very wild, and the propensity of some of the Navy men to send the ball out of the field would have done credit to even first-class rugby players.

The Chinese led 3-0 at half-time, the scorers being Lee Shek-yau, Ng Po-kui and Chan Tak-fai. In the second half, the Chinese added four more (Chan Tak-fai 3, Ng Po-kui 1), while Sutherland reduced the deficit for the Navy.

Several of the referee's decisions were unpopular with the spectators. I agree that a few were difficult to understand, especially on two occasions when the whistle was blown for off-side though the linesman did not signal.

Teams:—

Navy.—Pepper; Barrington, Marriott; Cairns, Swales, Robinson; Perkins, Sutherland, Altken, Kyle and Paige.

South China "B".—Tam Kwan-kon; Tay Kway-ling, Lau Mau; Leung In-chun, Lim Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung; Yeung Shui-yick, Ng Po-kui, Chan Tak-fai, Lau Chung-sang, and Lee Shek-yau.



An incident in the Shield semi-final match between South China "B" and the Navy on the Club ground yesterday. Three Chinese defenders are keeping out two Navy forwards. Jumping for the ball are Kyle, the Navy inside left, and Tay Kway-ling, the Chinese right back. South China won by seven goals to one. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)

Cricket Play-Off Degenerates Into Mere Mudlarking

(By "R. Abbit")

It was no doubt the fact that the Lawn Tennis Championships are being played which led to the decision to play off the game on Saturday last between Craigengower and the I.R.C. But it was rather an unfortunate one. As I had been awakened somewhere about half past five or six that morning by torrential rain I was amazed to hear that the game was on, although the weather had looked like improving in the forenoon. But the ground was very wet and slipping, and buckets of sawdust became the order of the day.

The wicket, I was told, was difficult early on but improved later. The light was so bad that I had great difficulty in following the mud-coloured ball on the mud-coloured pitch. But I must say I did not see the ball pop up at all which it usually does when a spot develops. I rather fancy the difficulty was that some balls cut through quicker than others.

FAILURE AND RECOVERY

Minu raised the I.R.C. hopes high when he bowled F. K. Lee with the last ball of his first over and it looked as if his policy of putting Craigengower in was going to pay. But Ernie Zimmermann after his usual shaky start got going and put up an excellent stand with A. R. H. Esmail. It was closed by a bit of bad luck, for Zimmermann played a ball from Kitchell on to his pad and it rolled thence into the wicket. Fifty-five runs had been put on of which the batsman claimed twenty-four. Further disaster was to follow as after raising the total by one run only F. R. Zimmermann was bowled by Minu (56-3-1) and the runs had taken 54 minutes to get. It must be remembered, however, that the light was bad and the turf so heavy that it needed a very hard hit to get the ball to the boundary. With Souza in, Esmail continued to play well though on one occasion he might have been caught had a catch not been misjudged.

To make things more unpleasant drizzle started to fall and I think that Esmail must have lost sight of the ball off which he was hit. It was a long hop from Minu and he had previously sent a similar one to the tent for four, but this time when he stepped into his wicket he missed the ball completely. 67-4-20.

In the meantime Souza had been digging himself in and played sound cricket. He was lucky the matched seats had been erected as M. el Arculli would have had an easy catch at long-off from one of Madar's. He did well, as it was to get his hand to it at all.

FIELD WELL-PLACED

At 78 A. M. Rumjahn came on at the Law Courts end in place of Madar. Minu had his field excellently set and with excellent ground fielding the Craigengower batsmen found it hard to score. Four runs later Souza lashed out at Rumjahn and mid-on put down a catch which was not easy. The light was appalling and more than once out-fielders started the wrong way for the ball. After an hour and a half's play 88 runs had been scored when Minu knocked Tinker Lee's leg stump out of the ground 88-5-0.

An I.R.C. victory seemed likely as Rapley was a bit shaky. Rumjahn did everything but bowl him with one which went for four byes, and then came a nice four to square leg. 100 runs had been scored in 100 minutes when A. R. Abbas went on for Rumjahn and Souza hit his fifth

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stand, of the I.R.C. wicket-keeper) came in, but at the same time Hamson lashed out at Abbas and scored the ball and the bowler took the catch very easily. The batsmen had crossed and Ismail cracked the next ball, a rank full toss, to the long leg boundary.

Minu took one over from the Law Courts end but Ismail hooked his short ball for four and glanced a single. Next over however Madar dropped a toe yorker on to him and he was l.b.w.—110-9-0. Minu then put Abbas on again and his first ball bowled Hong Sling. The innings closed at 4.17 for 119 runs which was a poor score but in view of the light not desperate.

Minu managed his bowling excellently, and was well advised to

U.S. Wants Olympiad Date Advanced

Calif., Mar. 10.

Mr. Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Committee, to-day said the committee would launch a campaign immediately to persuade Japan to hold the 1940 Olympic Games in August, as originally planned, instead of retarding the opening date a month. The international committee which met here this week agreed to the Japanese proposal for delaying the games, on account of unfavourable weather which might be expected in Japan in August.

Mr. Brundage said to-day that the committee would meet again in London in June, 1939, when the American proposal to restore the original schedule would be presented formally, but he admitted it might then be too late to do anything about the matter.

American sports authorities opposed the change to later dates because it entailed greater interference with the scholastic work of college athletes.—United Press.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESUMES

Provided no rain falls during the day, the Colony Tennis Championships, which were held up for the whole of last week, will resume this afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Club.

An interesting programme of three matches in the open singles and two in the open doubles has been arranged by the Committee.

The stand court will be used for the first time in a doubles tie, will be opposed by A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, the leading Recreio combination. The Tsui brothers will probably prove too good, though on their day Gosano and Remedios are quite a useful pair.

The only other doubles match will be that between F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, of the Chinese R.C., and J. W. Leonard and G. Choa, of the Craigengower C.C. This should prove an even fight.

One of the three singles ties to-day is that long-delayed game between H. Owen Hughes and S. S. Hussain. J. A. H. Douglass will contest with W. Sander the right to enter the third round, where Tsui Wai-pui awaits the winner. The most interesting of the three will undoubtedly be the clash between Lee Wai-long and Wong Shui-wing, both of the Chinese R.C.

The programme is as follows: Open Singles.—J. A. H. Douglass v. W. Sander; Lee Wai-long v. Wong Shui-wing; S. S. Hussain v. H. Owen Hughes.

Open Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios (stand court); F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. J. W. Leonard and George Choa.

ball from Zimmermann. An over later Kitchell hooked the same bowler to the mid-wicket boundary and the 10 was hoisted after a quarter of an hour's play. Just after a beautiful ball from Billmorla bowled Kitchell 10-2-5. Madar came in and Ismail hit another four to long leg off Zimmermann but the rain was coming down quite heavily and the umpires very wisely stopped play. Five minutes later the game was abandoned.

SPECULATION IDLE

I think it is idle to speculate which side would have won, in my opinion the light was unfit for play for the whole of the short I.R.C. spell of batting and for a good deal of the Craigengower innings. I am most profoundly thankful that there was no decision in a game which never should have been played. I must sincerely hope too that the game will be played off, if possible next Saturday. If the Club ground is not available I feel sure that K.C.C. or the Navy would come to the rescue with their usual generosity. Personally it would be a great treat to me to watch the game at K.C.C. where the wicket is always a nearly always an excellent one. In a play off such as this, naturally the desideratum is the set of circumstances when weather, pitch and light are of equal help to both the parties.

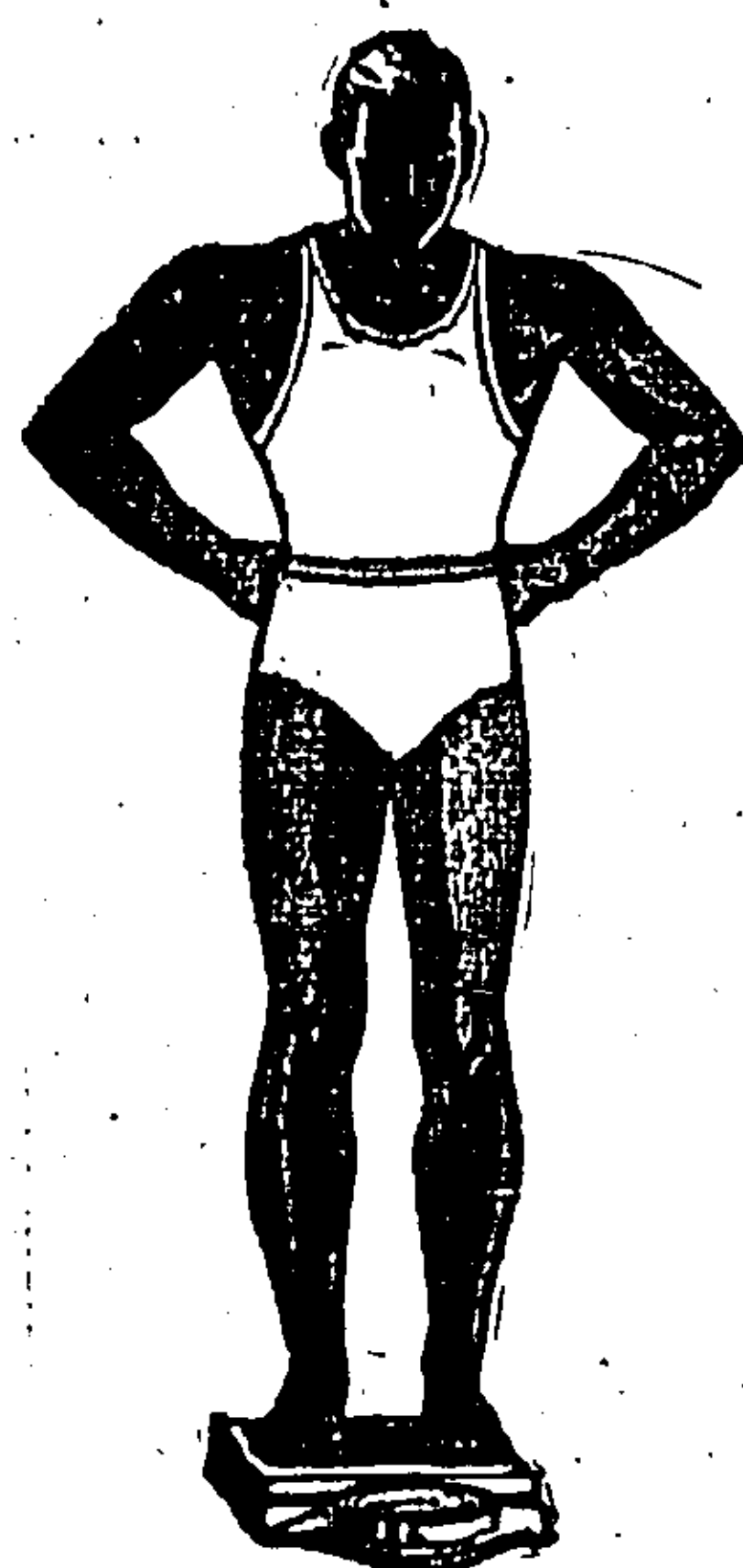
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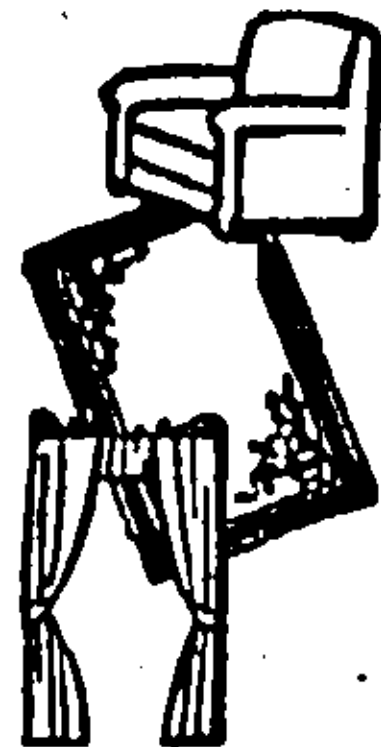
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A large number of members of the Hongkong Rifle Association gathered outside the Clubhouse after yesterday morning's Spoon and Team shoot to witness a presentation to Major D. H. Steers, the Founder and retiring Hon. Secretary of the Association, who is shortly leaving the Colony. He is being succeeded by Major G. P. Murray.

The presentation, which was made by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, and a Vice-Patron of the Association, took the form of a silver model of the Clubhouse, mounted in a blackwood case, suitably inscribed and containing the signatures of Patrons, Vice-Patrons and Members of the Council.

The inscription on the model read: "Presented to Major D. H. Steers, O.B.E., R.E., by the Hongkong Rifle Association in recognition of the gratitude for his valuable work as Founder and Secretary, 1935."

Col. N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O.I., a Vice-President of the Association, after a few introductory remarks called upon the Hon. Mr. King who said:

"I feel I have a difficult task in attempting adequately to convey to Major Steers our high appreciation of all he has done for us, and our regret that he has to leave us."

It must be no secret to you that, in Hongkong, it is very difficult to find honorary secretaries—and I emphasize the word—especially for a society or association which promises real work. I am equally sure that Major Steers, from his previous experience, had no delusions about what he was undertaking when he consented to be our Honorary Secretary. This gathering is a proof that he has more than fulfilled our expectations and hopes. It was a happy thought of the Council and Major Murray to make this morning's shoot the occasion to express our thanks to Major Steers."

Hongkong is sometimes accused of being slow and behind the times. When Major Steers arrived here there was in existence the former Hongkong Rifle Club. The Honorary Secretary of that Club was so slow (I am told) that he enrolled Major Steers as a member, and obtained his subscription, just before Christmas and then wound up the Club before the New Year. (Laughter.) I can picture Major Steers making a New Year's resolution, "Now we will show them." In June 1935 this Association came into being with Major Steers as its Honorary Secretary. As the last Year-Book tells you, there are now 680 full members and 7,500 affiliated members. I wish Major Steers, our President, were here. He could tell you more than I about the part Major Steers has played in achieving that result. Look at the efficient organization which has made the Annual Meeting so successful. Look at the care and industry put into the Association's Year-Book. Throughout you have the guiding hand of Major Steers. More important still, his guiding hand has been reinforced by those personal qualities which have won our esteem, his quiet efficiency, that tact and aptitude for friendship."

We are grateful for them, and we are more than delighted that his work for the Association and the Colony has received the public acknowledgment by a Cabinet Minister and by the London Times. (Applause.)

Appropriate Gift

These ranges have been his recreation ground. I believe that he has attended every shoot and meeting the Association has held. He has had no time for other amusement, for I feel sure he would often have indulged in a game of golf, and so demonstrate beyond doubt that he had every sympathy with the golfers (laughter), even though shooting had to come before everything else. I know he has lost me one or two games of golf, because I have a feeling he was responsible for the Governor turning out Senior Officers of the Civil Service and of the Police to meet Senior Officers in the Services at the annual meetings—a very good thing to do."

Our Clubhouse stands as a permanent reminder of Major Steers' devotion to the Association. It is no exaggeration that, but for him, the Clubhouse would not be an accomplished fact to-day. And it is a Clubhouse, comfortably furnished and, above all, free from debt. We all trust that the form our gift has taken will serve to recall old friends and happy memories of Hongkong. It is a gift from all. Subscriptions were limited to a small amount so that all might come in. We know, Major Steers, that your interest in this Association will continue long after you have left Hongkong. In fact, I have been told you have already initiated plans for a Hongkong team to compete at the next Bisley Meeting. We say good-bye with keen regret, but with the conviction that your work and ability will speedily command advancement and recognition wherever you may be. (Applause.)

The presentation was then made. Major Steers' Reply

Replying, Major Steers said in part: "It is now almost exactly 2½ years since this Association was formed, and you will be profoundly surprised to hear that I am going to say nothing about Sunday shooting for the simple reason that I regard the battle as good as won. I know what a difference this will make to the non-regular members."

Apart, however, altogether from the matter of range accommodation, we have found ourselves, as an Association, faced with many vicissitudes since our inception, and particularly during the last twelve months when the disturbed situation in the north resulted in the absence

from this Colony of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Welch Fusiliers, and the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles, two of our main pillars of support; nor did the disturbance stop there, for the China Fleet was, not unnaturally, similarly affected, as were the various auxiliary branches of the Army, stationed here. But you all know what has happened during the present rifle-shooting season how the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots and the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment have each produced over 200 individual full members with the result that this class of membership stands to-day at over 700. As the London Times stated in its issue for March 7 last, "the Hongkong Rifle Association now has a bigger membership than any other such organisation in the Empire."

And there is another matter about which I would like to speak to you for a moment; we gave our word, as an Association, when the latter was formed, that any rifle club existing in the Colony, which cared to become affiliated to us, would be most gladly welcomed, and that it would experience, as regards its internal organisation or affairs, no vestige of interference by this Association under any circumstances. I affirm that this understanding has been fulfilled to the letter, and the fact that the members of both the R.N. Dockyard and Talkoo Rifle Clubs have given us their fullest support from the start fully proves that this contention is correct. The magnificent panelled-board which adorns the wall of the central club-room of this building was, as you all know, a spontaneous, and much appreciated gift from the Talkoo Rifle Club, and, only a few days ago, I was informed that the Club had contributed so liberally to our Clubhouse Building Fund, are now proposing to present us shortly with a gift in kind for use in this building, which will fill a long-felt want."

I take leave to wonder if it has occurred to many of those present, as it certainly has to me, that when we nearly provoked a riot at our first Annual Dinner by the introduction of a certain form (not, of course, until dinner was over), contributions came in, as the list in the current edition of our Year-Book clearly demonstrates, from His Excellency the then Governor at the top, down to that class of member whom I would term, the "latest-joined recruit," and that the subscribers included members of the Regular Fighting Services, the Naval Volunteer Force, the Volunteer Defence Corps, the Hongkong Police, the Dockyard and Talkoo Rifle Clubs (altogether irrespective of rank), and certain civilian gentlemen, in fact, from each, and every class of the community. I dare to say that that fact is a record of which we, as an Association, may well be proud. (Applause.)

From the start, it has been an understood thing that this Association would recognise neither creed nor race, and I am happy to think that that is the case to-day; the one and only qualification, which the Council insists upon, is that all our members shall owe allegiance to the British Crown."

Beautiful Gift
When I look back upon the last three years, I see, as I have already stated, that this Association has passed through a trying and testing time, and I suggest that it is all the thanks for the present, and said, "Major Steers then expressed his stronger to-day for that experience."

I would like to add one observation about this model. Since our President divulged the secret, through completely misunderstanding the purport of a question which was put to him at the last General Meeting, I have felt a certain apprehension, which I can now see was unfounded and unjustified. Let me explain what I mean. My sojourn in Hongkong has shown me how easily mistakes occur out here, which would appear incredible at home, and so I have been wondering what sort of speech I should find myself making to-day, if it had so happened that the model in front of me proved to be that of another Club-

Potential Interporters Tried Out

A mere handful of hockey enthusiasts watched the Interport trial yesterday at the Hongkong Hockey Club ground where two teams of potential interporters were drawn up. The game started with the Whites attacking furiously, lead by Lt. Pritam Nath, but, before the ball could reach the backs, Neave with a splendid stroke cleared it to Capt. Mackenzie-Kennedy, who at once relayed it to Copal Ram. A well placed shot was saved by Ramzan, who kicked it to mid-field.

A. E. P. Guest, at left-back, played a strenuous game, and was responsible for breaking up many dangerous moves on the Colours' right-wing. Whites' defence was solid, though they were not given much opportunity to assist their forwards. Taken in their respective positions, Dobson appeared the more confident of the two goal-keepers, although he was powerless to prevent the Colours' goal.

Welton, playing for the Whites at left-half, was very hard-working, and positioning himself well to frustrate many dangerous movements, and was the best "feeder-half" on display.

Reed was the pick of the intermediate line. Paritub Singh, the left-winger from the Kumaons, whenever he had the ball, ran like a fogged horse towards his opponents' goal.

Fowler covered the field very efficiently, and, with his "hit and run" tactics, outplayed Gonsalves many times. The latter, at left-back, gave a good account of himself.

The first-half ended scoreless. In the second period, both teams were shuffled, and, as in the first half, the play was definitely one-sided. Ten minutes before the final whistle was blown, G. Singh, beating three players, scored the only goal of the game for the Colours.

TEN BULLS SCORE

At the rifle shooting yesterday on the army ranges the attendance surpassed all records being between 100 and 170, and as a result, it was found necessary to alter the conditions of shooting in order to ensure that the competitions could be completed in time.

Feature of the shoot was the very fine possible, 10 bulls in succession, by Sgt. V. W. Cooper, of the Middlesex, at 200 yards.

house, which I can see in the near distance, as I now speak to you. (Loud laughter.)

And so I say "good-bye" or it may be merely "au revoir." I will not attempt to mention by name all those good friends of this Association, and as I like to think, of mine as well, who have stood by me, and who have so loyally backed me up, from the formation of this Association. I must make use of this opportunity to say, however, that the wonderful support which has come from their Excellencies Sir Andrew Caldecott and Sir Geoffrey Northcote has had a tremendous effect upon our progress, as has the help given by the Heads of the Regular Fighting Services, Volunteers, Police and the local Government officials. Furthermore, the Association owes much to the assistance given by the local press, which has consistently helped us during the past years. (Applause.)

I have one final request to make. My successor, whom I am conscious you will find far more conciliatory than I have ever been, is taking over my job at a difficult time, with units and ships away from the Colony. Do please give him that support which you have given me, and remember that the arrangement even of spoon shoots, and particularly the completion of the programmes of the competitions held at the annual "Services" and "Bisley" prize meetings, means many hours of work beforehand. From my experience at these meetings in the last three years, I have judged it necessary to remind him that while such things as "elbow-pads" are allowed by Regulations at the "Bisley" meeting, it is his duty to refuse sternly to permit anything like a spring-mattress on the firing-point, however hard the latter may be! (Laughter.)

I thank you, Sir, most sincerely for the kind words which you have spoken about my efforts, and I would like to point out that none of these would have had any effect, or result, had it not been for the loyalty of the members of this Association, many of whom I hope to see at future Imperial Meetings at Bisley. Once again, let me thank you, one and all. Good-luck to you, and may your shooting scores never grow less. (Long Applause.)

Three raising cheers and a "tiger" were then given Major Steers on the call of the Hon. Mr. King.

Major Steers then called on Mr. King to make a small presentation to Mr. Chung Pui-sun, his chief clerk, who, he said, was a very hard working person, and the presentation was in gratitude for his hard work. The Hon. Mr. King expressed his pleasure at being asked to make the presentation, and presented a silver ash-tray, embossed with the Association's crest, to Mr. Chung.

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A land where wages are going up and up, unemployment down and down. That is New Zealand, which to-day celebrates two years of Labour rule.

TWO years ago to-day New Zealand elected a Labour Government with an unassailable majority. At this time next year, when the General Election is held, Labour will win again.

It will win because of its impressive achievements—impressive even in the cold print of statistics.

For this is New Zealand to-day, after its two years of Labour rule:

More people are working than at any time for the past seven years;

Total wages and salaries paid during the last financial year increased by 18 per cent;

Workers last year received £15,000,000 more in the aggregate than was paid even in the best year before;

Taxable income of companies increased by 10 per cent;

Assessable incomes of individuals rose from £47,200,000 to £53,500,000;

More than 103,000 persons are in receipt of higher pensions than ever before, and the number of pensioners has been increased by 20,000.

First Budget showed a surplus, and figures for the half year just ended, with revenue two millions above expectations and expenditure three millions below the estimates, assure another balanced Budget.

It is good to see a Government which, while bearing its fair share of the cost of Empire rearmament, can still find money for profitable public works.

We have been spared the disgrace of the Distressed Areas. Roads, bridges, railways, houses for the workers are being built under the direction of the State.

Unemployment has been reduced by two thirds; factories are working overtime, unable to cope with the rush of orders; wages are good and the business man is benefiting from the spending of those wages; farmers, under the guaranteed price, are enjoying a stable prosperity such as they have never known before.

Called in to deal with a sick State, Labour's first action on assuming office was to tackle the evil of unemployment. The slump, intensified by wage cuts, stoppage of public works and general retrenchment, had brought the total of workless to an admitted 80,000 and a probable 100,000. Relief payments were sadly inadequate.

LABOUR at once distributed an emergency bonus of £270,000 and made a general increase in relief wages. The rate for a single man jumped from 17s. to £1 1s. and proportionate increases were made for married men, those with seven children receiving an increase of £1 a week over the previous rate of £2 7s.

Sustenance payments—equivalent of the English unemployment pay—were similarly raised, till the smallest sum an unemployed single man could receive was £1 a week, as compared with 14s. under the previous Government.

A £6,000,000 public works scheme absorbed many of the unemployed, and the State placement service, which was established to act as a liaison officer between the unemployed and the private employer, effected amazing results, work being found for no fewer than 17,000 men in the first six months.

Latest figures show that Labour has reduced the slump total of 80,000 workless to about 30,000. And daily the number is being further reduced.

The unemployed were not the



The sheep farmer, backbone of the country, is guaranteed both security of tenure and stability of income.

Where Wages Go Up and Up!

by Douglas Stewart

only section of the needy to be assisted. Pensions had been drastically reduced during the depression, and Labour at once raised the old-age allowances to £1 weekly, and later to £1 2s. 6d.

The age at which women became entitled to receive pensions was lowered from 65 to 60 years, and widows' pensions were fixed at £1 weekly, rising to a maximum of £4 10s. depending on the number of children. Pensions were granted to deserted wives, and the wives of mental defectives. Invalids, miners and returned soldiers all received larger allowances.

SOCIAL legislation was continued by the passing of a Fair Rents Act, and this year, under the direction of novelist J. A. Lee, M.P., more than 2,000 houses have been built for the workers. Many more will be erected in the next few months.

National health insurance and superannuation schemes will be before Parliament shortly after Christmas, and under them the workers will be free from the insecurity which haunts them under capitalism.

Educational reforms—some already effected and some set down for the present session—the estab-

lishment of a national council for the encouragement of sport, State control of broadcasting and the promised institution of a national conservatorium of the arts, show that the Government has not forgotten the people's need for culture and recreation.

Of Labour's industrial reforms, nothing aroused more interest overseas or more excitement in New Zealand than the introduction of the 40-hour week.

The Government, wisely, did not attempt to enforce it immediately in all trades, but left it to the Arbitration Court to institute it where possible.

The almost universal adoption of the 40-hour standard is certain to come, however, and this, together with the introduction of a Dominion-wide Saturday whole holiday, which the Government is encouraging, but not enforcing, is ameliorating the lot of the people.

New Zealand, with its sunny climate and its unlimited opportunities for sport, is the ideal country for the long week-end.

THE restoration of salary cuts, the raising of award wages everywhere, the fixing of a basic wage of £3 12s. 6d. for all males over 21 years of age, and of £1 12s. 6d. for all females over 21, have been acts which have won the approval of all workers and the hostility of some employers.

The business community, however, is benefiting enormously from the increase in purchasing power, and wages, in any case, are not higher than were paid by decent employers before the awards were enforced. Some dairy farmers, for instance, have complained because the Government has fixed the minimum wages for adult farm labourers at £2 2s. 6d. weekly, inclusive of board and lodging.

But a dairy farmer worthy of the name in New Zealand has always paid his man as much as

that. The Farmers' Union agreed to the wage.

The dairy farmer, on the success or failure of whose operations New Zealand stands or falls, has been the subject of a great deal of legislation. Exaggerated land values, implying mortgage commitments impossible to meet in normal years, were the price New Zealand paid for the boom that burst in the war years when butterfat prices soared to 2s. 6d. a pound.

DURING the slump, when the price fell to 6d., it was said that 70 per cent. of the farmers were virtually bankrupt, and Labour's first step was to undertake the huge task of restoring land values to their proper level by the readjustment of mortgages throughout the country.

That done, the farmer was given a guaranteed price for his produce, so that to-day he has both security of tenure and stability of income.

From the State's point of view the scheme has won satisfaction. Last year there was a deficit of £650,000, but at present market prices are above the guaranteed price of 13d., and the account should be more than balanced.

It is worth emphasising again that Labour is balancing its budgets. Fundamentally, the New Zealand is as canny as the Scot, and it is on the soundness or otherwise of its finances that the Government will be judged.

It is the triumph of the New Zealand Labour Government to have demonstrated to "working class" and to "middle class" alike that their interests are one, and that Socialism pays.

Human nature being what it is, there could be no better basis for the Socialist ideal of brotherhood, and Labour has achieved a sociological as well as a practical triumph. Uniting the classes is the simplest way of abolishing class distinction, and Labour in New Zealand really has gone a very long way towards the attainment of that ideal.



Prime Minister M. J. Savage inspects New Zealand meat in London's Smithfield Market.

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Chapter IV

"You've been a Chamberlain and a Lady-in-waiting—and so why should we not be a Butler and a Maid?"

"But that was in Petersburg, darling—for the Czar!"

"And this is in Paris—but still for the Czar!"

"My sainted darling!" cried Mikail enthusiastically, as the possibility dawned on him, "I believe you are right! I know we could do it!"

"Certainly, my pigeon! Don't you remember me doing the fair hair of Her Imperial Highness... fetching her gloves and..."

"And I see myself again..." Mikail broke in, "throwing open the windows of the Imperial Chamber, and announcing, 'Majesty, this morning there is snow!'"

Tatiana hopped from the bed where she had been dancing and ran to him clapping her small hands ecstatically. "We were good servants then," he said, "we will be good servants again!"

"Absolutely, my pigeon! But what about references?"

"We must provide them at once! Sit down and write!" they did so.

They set forth in high spirits—the Russian colours about Tatiana's neck as a scarf—the sword of Alexander III tucked inside Mikail's trouser-leg—the "want ad" and the references safely put away!

The landlord tried to waylay them but again they evaded him.

M. et Madame Dupont might well have advertised for a butler and a maid! Their home was in wild commotion—only old Louise the cook—doing duty as butler, parlourmaid and general factotum! Madame needed her hair dressed! Monsieur Charles had lost a shoe! Bells were ringing, buzzing, telephones shrilling and doors banging!

In short, it was a mad house!

Monsieur coming out from under the bed where he had been looking for the shoe, announced dolefully that he had the worst headache of his lifetime! Madame Fernandez threw up her hands. "If it isn't one end of you that's in trouble Charles," she cried "it's the other! And to-night it's both! We shall never get to the Chateaufort-Dubief's house for dinner!"

At the moment Louise announced the applicants for the positions.

Tatiana and Mikail advanced a few steps into the room, he doing his best to conceal the sword. "Sir—Madame" he said with a stiff bow, to which Tatiana added an extremely agreeable, "Good evening."

"Who were your previous employers?"

"His Excellency, General Prince Ouratoff... and his wife..." said Mikail proudly. "No!" added Tatiana with fine dignity, "Her Imperial Highness, the Grand Duchess Tatiana Petrovna... and her consort!"

"When can you come to us? We are in a great hurry!"

"We, too... I mean... we could arrange to start... let us say... to-night!"

"Your luggage?"

"It has... er... ceased to exist, madame."

"We have the clothes of your predecessors... They may not fit!"

"We shall be proud to adjust ourselves, madame," murmured Tatiana sweetly.

"There are four of us here... My husband and myself and our really quite grown-up children, Mademoiselle Helene and Monsieur Georges!"

The questioning finally ended and the deal was consummated. Tatiana was set to arranging Madame's hair, Mikail to hunting Monsieur's shoe! Georges wanted his tie pressed—Helene wanted her gown hooked! All four wanted the same thing at the same moment! Then a shriek from Helene: "Fifi is lost!"

Madame went into a frenzy! Her darling Pekinese! He must be found! He! He will be shattered! Tatiana must look for the darling! Mikail must look! What does the dinner matter! The lost shoe! What does anything matter! If Fifi is not found within five minutes butler and maid will be fired! Tatiana was almost in tears at the prospect! But within a split second of the deadline—in trooped Fifi with the shoe in her mouth!

Delight followed despair! The new servants were marvels! Mikail offered to telephone to M. Chateaufort-Dubief, of the Bank of France that the Duponts would be on hand! They wondered how he knew so great a man! At last Monsieur and Madame were off to the dinner! Georges and Helene upstairs and Tatiana and Mikail in their room. "It is," sighed Tatiana, "Paradise!" From their window they could see the cross of a Russian Church and the bells were ringing. "God be praised," said Mikail, "especially for the bed!"

Leaving knocking at their door, disclosed young Georges with fencing foils, mask and gloves. "I want you to clean these epees," he said curtly. "I'm using them to-night and I'm late!" When Helene came down with her guitar later, she was amazed to see Georges and Mikail fencing with terrific gusto!

Later there were cocktails of Tatiana's mixing in the kitchen—music of Tatiana's making on the guitar—wild Russian songs in which all joined and much talk of a certain Russian night club (not named)—Not a Bolshevik place where the comrades hailed each other as "Tovarich"—but a gathering place of the aristocratic refugees—the White Russians! The butler and maid might be going the next night possibly—just to look on! Georges and Helene glanced at each other knowingly!

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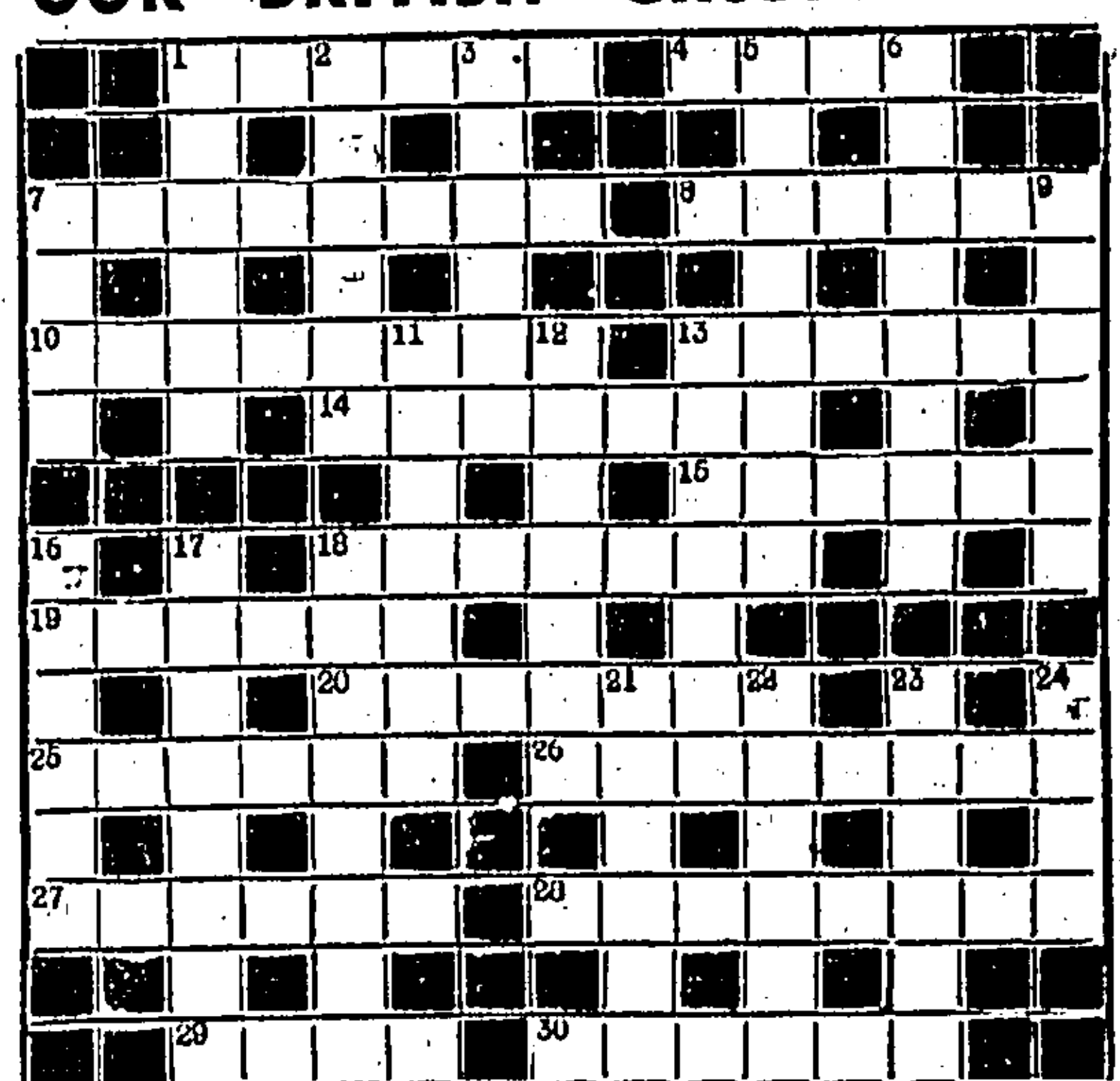
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1 A side line perhaps (6).

4 This is mixed in 20 across (4).

7 This kind of school would seem to need licking into shape (8).

8 Taking advice, but rather too hastily (6).

10 A kettle or some greater vessel might be doing it (8).

13 This nautical official would be a better man without his fourth letter (6).

14 A fishy alias (7).

15 This would ruin the act, of course (6).

18 Did his human part ever back the rest of him to win, we wonder? (7).

19 What to say to the little beast when you give it drink (6).

20 A political label (7).

25 To do this is straightening (6).

26 Tinted with its end perhaps (8).

27 A 20 across might find this wordy affair a fetter around his beginning (6).

28 Notorious suggestion of a nationalistic 27 across perhaps (8).

29 A coin to take note of (4).

30 Prelude to the findings (6).

DOWN

1 Entirely vetoed except for one of the billiards balls (6).

2 Coolness is mostly no light matter abroad (6).

3 Wherein many a man has cheerfully risked the stake (8).

5 Does he use vanishing cream on his hands? (8).

6 A trial indeed, and not at all popular (8).

7 The hand that was doubled (4).

9 It may have to be cleared before the post is reached (6).

11 It has one leg in the middle, and is not allowed (7).

12 This trouble is maddening painful (7).

13 Reading shows us a S. American lass (7).

16 Parade (6).

17 The rainbow shows it (8).

18 Part of the passage is 'orrid' (6).

21 No hot-headed Oriental (6).

22 The man the complaint came from? (6).

23 Each end of this opening is final (6).

24 A little word in bad Italian (4).

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Consul Warns American Missionaries

Missions Used For War Purposes Alleged

Shanghai, Mar. 28. The American Consul-General has broadcast an informative warning to American missionaries remaining in Yihien and Lingyi east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, where at present, fighting is raging, to the effect that he was informed that the Japanese considered their mission properly was being used by the Chinese for war purposes.

The warning added that the Consul-General had been given to understand that if this practice continued the Japanese might be forced to take retaliatory action on the mission property.

According to latest reports there are four American missionaries at Lingyi and three at Yihien.—*Reuter.*

MYSTERY RADIO MESSAGE FROM YACHT

San Pedro, Mar. 27. Mr. A. J. Whittell, the Shipping Commissioner, has received a message from the wireless operator on the yacht, Sea Tern, a man named Jaynes, stating: "Thanks for advice, Captain Draglich will take me to the American Consul at Guaymas." This indicates that the dispute concerning which Jaynes sent out a radio message is merely between Jaynes and Captain Draglich, which will be settled at Guaymas.

The first message received from the Sea Tern came from off Tortuga Island in the Gulf of California, which stated that the captain of the yacht was abusive and apparently insane. The message added that it was feared there would be death on board, and that the sender of the message would soon be able to give proof of illegal fishing off Peru and Ecuador.

The mystery of this message, and what it actually means, is not cleared up by the later message, and the authorities are still puzzled by it.—*United Press.*

JUNK OWNERS RUN FOUL OF REGULATIONS

For failing to report to the Harbour Master's Office or station within 24 hours the fact that they had not left the port after obtaining clearance to do so, three junk people were fined \$5 each or five days' imprisonment when they appeared before Cmdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector Butcher prosecuted Wong Tim-tai, charged with leaving port yesterday without a clearance or permit was fined a similar amount. Sergeant Fenfold prosecuting said that the man was leaving the Western Harbour for Taun Wan with a cargo of rice, and when stopped said he did not know the regulations.

YOUNG GIRL TAKEN FROM HER MOTHER

"I was asked to take the girl from her mother by her aunt, and she was taken during the mother's absence," said Lam Kit, 40, unemployed.

He was charged with having taken a girl of 14 out of the possession and against the will of her mother, Leung Sit, on March 22.

The man was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, and a week's remand was granted to Sub-Inspector Ritchie, who stated that the girl has not yet been found.

MEN FOUGHT IN THEATRE

In consequence of a fight at the Ko Shing Theatre, Queen's Road West, yesterday, two men, Lo Fu, 22, and Li Ming, 20, were charged with disorderly conduct before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning. They were each bound over in \$25 for a year.

Inspector W. Mair said that the fight began through an argument which arose when the first defendant became annoyed with the second defendant for standing up in the theatre and blocking his view.

EIGHT TIMES CONVICTED

Six months' imprisonment was given Tsang Ping-kang, 20, at the Central Magistracy this morning for the theft of a wrist watch from Mr. F. Farland of Saturday.

Sergeant Fenfold said that Mr. Farland was robbed of his watch at Des Voeux Road Central. Complainant noticed a hand extracting the watch from his waistcoat pocket, caught hold of defendant and handed him over to a Chinese detective. The watch was found in his possession. Defendant had seven previous convictions.

DEMANDS REDUCED RAILWAY CAPITAL

Washington, Mar. 27. It is learned that Senator Burton K. Wheeler last Friday secretly appeared before the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and revealed that he will insist upon a plan for Government rehabilitation of the railways, to include sweeping reductions in capital structure.

Senator Wheeler who opposed Government ownership and also subsidies by which the Government indirectly controls the railways, agreed that the plight of the railways was desperate.

However, the investigation for financing revealed that the railways had brought much of the trouble upon themselves. Many have become over-capitalised, and until a real "house-cleaning" is carried out, it was hopeless to attempt to operate them profitably.

Senator Wheeler said that private railway holdings must be abolished because they serve no useful purpose.—*United Press.*

Strikers Back At Work

While strong police detachments stood guard at the Chung Hwa Book Company plant from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. to-day, about 600 of the staff went back to work.

For about two weeks the men have been on a wage strike.

FRACTURED SPINE SUSPECTED

With a suspected fractured spine, a man named Wong Tim of Tai Nam Street, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. Wong was said to have received the injury when he jumped to the street from the first floor verandah of his house.

STOP PRESS NEWS

CANNOT FORESEE LOCAL REACTION

"Hongkong currency is controlled by the exchange fund, the last published statement of which showed assets of approximately 110 per cent. of liabilities—that is, certificates of indebtedness issued," said the Financial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. S. Caine.

"I cannot say what the local reaction will be to the exchange position created in Shanghai."

SMALLPOX DROPS BUT MENINGITIS SHOWS INCREASE

Only nine cases of small-pox were reported during the week-end from the residential area of Victoria, centre of the epidemic which has claimed over 1,100 lives.

A further 14 cases in Kowloon and one in the Harbour, were also reported. The week-end total of 24 representing an average of 12 cases per day.

Two cases of diphtheria (Kowloon), two cases of typhoid (Victoria and Kowloon) a case of measles in Victoria, two cases of dysentery in Kowloon, and eight cases of meningitis were also reported.

The number of cases of meningitis represents a somewhat disturbing increase, being the highest this year. Five of the cases occurred in Kowloon, two in Aberdeen and one in Victoria.

Commended For Arrest Of Snatcher

Many Thieves At Magistracy

After chasing an earring snatcher through several streets yesterday, an employee of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, Pun Tai-hi, 24, made an arrest. This morning he was warmly commended for his action by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy, when the thief, Muk Chung, 18, with a previous conviction, was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and 12 strokes of the cane.

Inspector Baker said that the victim was a 58-year-old woman, and she was robbed by the defendant in Johnston Road, Wanchai. Pun chased the defendant and personally brought him to No. 2 Police Station.

As a result of stealing \$11 from a woman in Queen's Road yesterday, a man named Wong Sang, 28, unemployed, was sentenced to five months' hard labour. Inspector W. Mair said that the woman was shopping with a friend when the defendant snatched from her hand a handkerchief which held the money.

SEVERAL CONVICTIONS

With several previous convictions, Wu King, 21, was sent to gaol for two months on a charge of larceny. Wu admitted stealing a woollen jersey from a clothes line in the yard of a house in Fort Street.

On two charges of larceny of wrist watches, Chan Kui, 23, was sentenced to two months' hard labour. Inspector Baker said that the defendant lived with the complainant, a watch dealer, for a month, and that when he left he took with him three watches, two metal and one gold. The defendant pawned the watches and was traced by the police when he sent the pawn tickets to the complainant.

Found in possession of three glass tankards, a cooler, Kwan Man, 27, was charged with larceny. Inspector Baker said that the tankards were stolen from the Royal Engineers' Corporation's Club. Defendant had a previous conviction. Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

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British Keep Firm Grip In Palestine

Outlaws Punished; But Murders Continue

Jerusalem, March 27. A collective fine of £500 has been imposed on the village of Kharyuni, near the railway line in south Palestine, where a military patrol lorry was wrecked by the explosion of a land mine, last Thursday.

One British soldier was killed, and another seriously injured by the accident.

A punitive police post has been established in the village.

Isolated outrages and the murder of Jews and Arabs continue.—*Reuter.*

FINED FOR KEEPING YOUNG MUI TSAI

Mr. H. R. Butters to-day imposed a fine of \$100 on a refugee woman, Chan Pui, 42, who admitted a charge of keeping an unregistered mul-tai at the Central Magistracy. Chan was on \$100 bail.

Mr. H. W. Fraser of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs said that the girl, now aged 19, was sold to an amah in Canton by her parents when she was seven years old. When the amah left for Singapore a few years ago, the girl's mother redeemed her with money from defendant. The girl was then handed over to the defendant as a sort of pledge for the money borrowed, there being a promise that the money would be paid back when the girl married. The girl was well treated, but she wished to return to her mother.

Flying Boat Catapulted To South America

Machine Takes Off From Freighter

Berlin, Mar. 27. The freighter Westfalen, while in the English Channel at 1.45 p.m. to-day, catapulted the flying boat DO-18, to start it on a non-stop flight to South America. Its destination is not known.

A later message says that it is understood the DO-18 is attempting to reach Buenos Aires in 48 hours. It has a crew of four, under the leadership of Flight Commander H.W. von Engel.

Following the launching of the flying boat the Westfalen started for Rio de Janeiro.—*United Press.*

GOVERNOR OF MACAO LEAVES

His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Dr. A. T. Barbosa, Governor of Macao, attended an informal dinner at Repulse Bay to-day.

H. E. Dr. Barbosa took leave of his host in the afternoon and departed for Macao from Queen's Pier shortly after 4 p.m. The occasion was without ceremony and His Excellency did not depart in the light cruiser Bartolomeu Dias in which he inaugurated his visit to the Colony, but in his own yacht which had come especially from the Portuguese Colony to take him back.

GIRL HIT BY TAXI

Lau Oi, eight-year-old girl, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday with injuries to the head. She was knocked down by a taxi in Canal Road.